

# **Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School**

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## **Easter 5/Confirmation Sunday - April 29, 2018 - 8:30 & 10:45AM**

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**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest, please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

**Explanation of the Week:** *What a blessing it is to us to have a friend like Jesus! (Jn 15:9-17) After all, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" through Christ. (James 1:16-21) The work that Christ has carried out for us is now brought to us by the Holy Spirit. The forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil are now shared with us! Confident in the loving relationship we have with Christ, we confess, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." (Is 12:1-6) Today is also Confirmation Sunday. We give our confirmands the opportunity to publicly make this profession themselves, as they make a vow to remain true to God's Word. Having been taught the truths of the Christian faith, they are now ready to receive the Lord's Supper, and to continue on in the church as mature Christian individuals. We keep them and all our young people in our prayers!*

*Order of Worship: The Office of Matins*

*(pp. 109-119 in the hymnal—  
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))*

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**~Prelude** — *Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer*

*(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)*

**~Opening Hymn 242 vv. 1-3, 6, 7 *Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy***

**~Confession of Sin** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness* (ELH p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us

worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening Sentences*

*(ELH p. 109 ff; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)*

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

~**Gloria Patri** — *Glory to the Father*

*(ELH p. 110)*

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!**

~**Psalm Hymn 176** *How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts*

*(based on Psalm 119)*

~**Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 12:1-6** And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

~**Responsory Hymn 167 vv. 5, 6** *Thou Mighty Father, in Thy Son*

## ~Epistle Lesson

**James 1:16-21** Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls.

## ~Hymn 385 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### ~Sermon Text

**John 15:9-17** "As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete. "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

### ~Sermon Theme

#### *"You Are My Friends"*

1. *We enjoy all the blessings of His friendship.*
2. *We assume all the responsibilities of His friendship.*

## ~Offering & Hymn 510 *Fear and Love Thy God and Lord*

*The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.*

## ~Prayers & Special Petitions

~**Kyrie Eleison** — “*Lord, Have Mercy*” (1<sup>st</sup> Service Only)

(ELH p. 116 ff; Mk 10:47)

**C:** ♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

~**Lord’s Prayer** (1<sup>st</sup> Service Only)

(ELH p. 117; Mt 6:9-13)

**C:** ♪ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~**Rite of Confirmation** (2<sup>nd</sup> Service Only)

~*Exhortation and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant*

~*Confirmation Vows*

~*Blessing and Announcement of Confirmation Passage*

~*Welcome and Benediction*

~*Confirmation Prayer and Lord’s Prayer*

~*Hymn 371, “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” sung by the Confirmands*

~**Collect** — *Prayer for God’s Blessing*

(ELH p. 118, form 1)

**P:** Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for Blessing*

(ELH p. 119; Ps 103:1)

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Apostolic Benediction** — *Final Blessing for God’s People*

(ELH p. 119; 2 Cor 13:14)

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~Closing Hymn 590 *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

~Postlude — *Opportunity for Prayer & to Greet One Another!*

(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)

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*Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann*

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Director: Donna Fosburgh / Accompanist: Montian Natrakul*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 326; 10:45am, 163. Monday: 12**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK: Plate: \$15,173.99, Online: \$1215.27; Total: \$16,389.26**

***NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,790***

*Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

***Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:***

*Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.*

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org) and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ross Hermanson (captain),  
Craig Brown, Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Jim Gates, Scott Dzwonkowski, Kent Waletski

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Lois Otto

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Mike & Anita Smith, James & Carolyn Gates

**Offering Counters:** Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Madson

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 29, 2018—May 6, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> April 29	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	<b>Confirmation</b> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service & Confirmation Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> April 30	6:30PM <b>7:30PM</b>	Divine Service <b>Special Voters' Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> May 1	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> Jesus Cares Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b> May 2	8:05AM 9AM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Confirmation Class Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs.</b> May 3	7PM	CDS Band Concert, Trinity Chapel, BLC
<b>Fri.</b> May 4		
<b>Sat.</b> May 5	9AM 9:45AM	Service Committee -3:15PM New 2 You Volunteers
<b>Sunday</b> May 6	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Deacons' Meeting Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar** today are given to God's glory by the parents of the confirmands.  
**Flowers under the Cross** today are given by Mark & Sandy Johnson in thanks for God's blessings on 44 years of marriage.

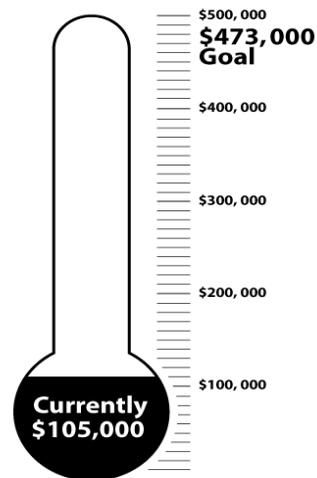
**Special Voters' Meeting:** After prayerful consideration, Mr. Brent Sorn has declined the call to serve as Mt. Olive's next principal. A voters' meeting is now scheduled for **Monday, April 30, at 7:30 PM** to extend another call.

## BUILDING ON OUR MISSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Members of Mount Olive,

Fundraising has begun for the Building On Our Mission expansion project! For all those who have made 'pledges of intent' towards the Building on Our Mission campaign or wish to support the project, **NOW** is the time to begin making your gifts!

Through March 31<sup>st</sup>, \$105,000 in gifts have been received out of a total of \$473,000 in total pledges, which is a great start. Half of our members who made pledges have submitted their first gift, and we encourage all members to begin making contributions as we get closer to groundbreaking this Fall. Also, look for the B.O.O.M. thermometer in the Narthex that will be used to chart our fundraising progress soon! Here are the ways to fulfill your expressed commitment towards the successful completion of our building project:



1. Offering Envelope

- Indicate your gift to the 'Building Campaign' on the line 'Special Gift For' with a dollar figure in addition to your regular offerings

2. Online Automatic Payment

- Debit or credit cards are accepted to set-up weekly or monthly payments at [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org). Click 'Donate Online' at the bottom of the page. Create your profile, indicate 'Building Campaign' in the Special Funds – Other box. Please call the church office if you require assistance in setting up your recurring gift.

If you are a new member of Mount Olive and would like to learn more about supporting the Building On Our Mission campaign, please contact any member of the Building Committee: <http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/publications/building-projects/building-committee/>. Gift intent forms are available in the church office and in the narthex.

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;  
Then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine." – Proverbs 3:9-10*

Sincerely,

Members of the Building Committee

**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes and LYA registration; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **April editions of** the *ELS President's Newsletter*, *The Cross-stitch Corner*, and *Thoughts of Faith*; the **May edition** of *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and *MVL's Memo*; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

**Hot Lunch Coordinator/Supervisor** for the Mt. Olive CDS will be needed for the 2018-19 school year to prepare and serve lunches. Please contact Principal Rude if you are interested.

**BOGO Book Fair: Today** is the last day for the BOGO Book Fair. Stop by the school library from 9:30 AM to 12:15 PM and stock up on books for summer reading! Everything is Buy One Get One Free!

**Attention Youth: We are looking for helpers with our summer parades!** On Saturday, July 7, 2018, Mt. Olive will be participating in the North Mankato Fun Days parade. This year, we have been presented with a very generous and unique opportunity for our youth! Family Fun Shows will be giving each Mt. Olive youth that participates in the Fun Days parade 5 **free** ride tickets and one **free** game at the Duck Pond at the end of the Parade Route. If your youth or family would like to participate in the Fun Days parade, please sign up by contacting Michelle Graham (507-720-7258). We will share more details with you as the date draws closer.

**Mount Olive would like to have a float with music** for the Fun Days Parade on July 7 and the Tater Days Parade on July 21. We are looking at easy hymns: *God Bless Our Native Land*, *A Mighty Fortress*, and the like. The Bonnett's are providing the trailer. Grade school, high school & college students, and adults are hereby encouraged to find their horns and get ready for some parade fun! Contact Dan Neubauer if you are interested.

**Teens and Parents:** Check the table in the narthex for registration packets for LYA 2018 in Tacoma, WA, July 26-29. Confirmed youth through college age are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register online, go to [els.org/lya18](http://els.org/lya18). **Busing Update:** Chaplain Moldstad has confirmed that buses will be leaving Wednesday morning, July 25, and probably returning late Monday, July 30; cost is estimated to be \$300-325/rider. If you are planning on utilizing the busing, please contact Chaplain Moldstad at [donm@blc.edu](mailto:donm@blc.edu) or Angela Merseth at [ammerseth@gmail.com](mailto:ammerseth@gmail.com) so they can obtain an accurate count.

**Please pick up your dishes:** Dishes left over from the Easter breakfast have been moved to the Fireside Room; remaining dishes will be donated to New 2 You.

**For All You Softball Fans and Athletes:** It is that time of the year again, and we are forming softball teams! There is a sign-up sheet out in the narthex if you would like to join us for family and fun. Men's church league is on Monday nights and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.

**Hymnary Repair:** Is the hymnary you used today in need of repair? Please bring it to the church office today. Thank you!

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Today at 3 PM in Trinity Chapel:** Pianist Sarah Wei, student of Dr. Bethel Balge, and harpist Cynthia Krause, student of Phala Tracy, present a recital.

**Parents of Young Children:** Bethany Library has teamed with the Education Department to start a weekly story time for home school families and/or stay-at-home families with smaller children. Please join us at 9 AM, **April 30**, at the Library.

**Monday, April 30, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel:** The Bethany Lutheran College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra present an end of the year concert. Each ensemble will perform, then both groups combine to perform two full orchestra selections: "Peer Gynt Suite" and "Anvil Chorus".

**Tuesday, May 1, at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel:** Voice student Tony Cordes presents a voice recital.

**Wednesday, May 2 at 7 PM in Trinity Chapel:** Piano performance major Brittany Moldstad presents her senior piano recital.

**Please note the letter on the bulletin board** in the entrance regarding some special days and events being planned at Bethany in support of Dr. Polly Browne and her continuing struggle with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

### **ELS**

A notable remark was made at the time the ELS purchased Bethany Lutheran College: "Once we have discovered that the school is a necessity, we will discover we can afford it. We can do a lot of things that we think are absolutely necessary once they have become a matter of life or death to us." For many decades Bethany Lutheran College existed as a junior college. In 1996 the synod decided to make the college a four-year baccalaureate-degree granting institution.



### MVL

**Host Families Needed!** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of host families for international students who want to attend our school. Host parents are compensated monthly for taking in and supporting these young people. For further information contact MVL at 507-354-6851 or sgrams@mvlhs.org.

**Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School** is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

**MVL Spring Play:** This year's production is a Mr. Ron Wels original, titled "Incomplete Strangers or Two Can Play at This Game." The play will be performed on Friday, **May 4** at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, **May 5** at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. All are invited!

### WELS

**WLFCS-Christian Family Solutions** is currently hiring for multiple positions in our counseling division throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota. To apply, use the following link: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Apply/29333/WLCFS-Wisconsin-Lutheran-Children/Licensed-Mental-Health-Professionals>.

### Community

**Visit the VINE Adult Day Program** on Wednesday, May 2, from 3:30 – 5:30 PM for refreshments and a tour at 421 E. Hickory St. in Mankato. Older adults in midlife and beyond with physical or cognitive challenges enjoy active engagement with others, purposeful activities, and intellectual stimulation. Call Mary W. at (507) 386-5577 for more information.

**In The Olive Press are** all other announcements.

Please pick up your copy from the ushers.