



## EASTER 7 - EXAUDI

Sunday, May 13, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Larry Rude | Evangelical Lutheran Synod

**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. 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:**

*The Spirit of truth testifies of Jesus, who is the Truth. But the world does not receive the Truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the Truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His church. "The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service." (John 15:26-16:4) Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory. (1 Peter 4:7-14) Through the ministry of the Spirit of truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ. (Ezekiel 36:22-28) He is now at work in us to have fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."*



I. The Service of Preparation

*(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with joy.)*

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

~ **Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

~ **Opening Prayer**

*(ELH p. 41)*

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

~ **Opening Hymn 27, vv. 1, 2, 5** *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

~ **Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 41, 1)*

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

~ **Kyrie Eleison** — *"Lord, Have Mercy"*

*(ELH p. 42-43)*

**C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

~ **Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

*(ELH p. 43, 1; Mk 16:16)*

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~ **Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — “Glory to God in the Highest”

(ELH p. 44)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

~ **Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~ **Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45, p. 157 #77)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: We beseech You, inasmuch as the world cannot endure such testimony and persecutes us in every way, grant us courage and comfort, that we may not be offended because of the cross, but continue steadfastly in Your testimony, and be always found among those who know You and Your Son, until we obtain eternal salvation through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

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## II. The Service of the Word



*(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God’s Word is applied to our lives today.)*

~ **Old Testament Lesson**

**Ezekiel 36:25-27** I will sprinkle purifying water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurity and from all your filthy idols. Then I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you and will cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will carefully observe my ordinances.

~ **Anthem Hymn 25, vv. 1, 2 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace**

## ~ Epistle Lesson

**1 Peter 4:7-11** The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God's grace. If anyone speaks, let him do it as one speaking the messages of God. If anyone serves, let him do it as one serving with the strength God supplies so that God may be glorified in every way through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

## ~ Holy Gospel Lesson

**John 15:26-16:4** "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning." "I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who murders you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you may remember that I told them to you. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

**C: ✨ God be praised for His glad tidings.**

~ **Apostles' Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. ✨ Amen.**

~ **Chief Hymn 396** *If God Had Not Been on Our Side*

~ **Sermon Text**

**1 Peter 4:7-8** The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins.

~ **Sermon Message**

*Love Covers a Multitude of Sin*

~ **Prayers & Special Petitions**

~ **Offering and Hymn 397 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire**

*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.*

~ **Collect of Thanksgiving** — *In appreciation of God's gift* (ELH p. 58, III)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~ **Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

~ **Closing Hymn 389, v. 7 O Risen Christ, Ascended Lord**

~ **Closing Prayer** (ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen

~ **Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

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

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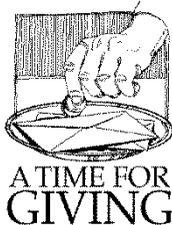
Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen  
Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am**, 240/196; **10:45am**, 211/165; **Monday: 18/14**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK:** Plate: \$33,581.29, Online: \$2040.26; Total: \$35,621.55



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

*Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.*

*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.*

***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.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Ernie & Marge Lillo, Steve & Lois Jaeger

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Mark & Vivian Smith, John & Nada Foede

**Ushers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Nathan Graham, Chad Sorensen,  
Darrell Iverson, Ray Iverson, Art Westphal

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Paul Tweit (captain), Blake Fosburgh,  
Lance Johnson, Bob Fosburgh

**Offering Counters:** Bruce Gratz, Craig Christensen

**Altar Guild:** Joni Bode, Lynette Merseth

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: May 13, 2018—May 20, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> May 13	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	<b>Mother's Day</b> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service Artemis Video Game Night Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> May 14	10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:15PM	Veterans' Bible Study Divine Service Church Council Softball, Caswell 1
<b>Tuesday</b> May 15	8AM 5PM 6:30PM	<b>Church Newsletter Deadline</b> CDS Co-ed Softball Tournament, Caswell Women's Bible Study - <i>Colossians</i> Building Committee Jesus Cares Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b> May 16	8:05AM 9AM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study - <i>Daniel</i> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Men's Chorus
<b>Thurs.</b> May 17		
<b>Fri.</b> May 18		
<b>Sat.</b> May 19	9AM 5PM	Ambassadors Family Game Night, Potluck
<b>Sunday</b> May 20	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 3PM 7:30PM	<b>Sunday School Children Sing</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Study/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Commissioning Service, Dr. Mike Smith, Trinity Chapel, BLC Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** are given to God's glory by Ron & Kathy Koth.

**Flowers under the cross** are given to God's glory in honor of Ruth Orvick's 90th birthday by Bob and Emily Goetzke and in memory of Ron Fisher .

## **Building Committee Update**

On Tuesday, May 1, the Building Committee met with representatives from ISG and WEB Construction for an update on the progress that has been made in the "Schematic Design Phase" of our building project. During this phase, the architects and designers from ISG have been meeting with user groups to gain additional input related to various areas of the new construction in order to best accommodate the wishes and needs of the congregation and school. This detailed input is allowing the team from ISG to provide more accurate details and descriptions to WEB as they continue to refine their estimated costs for the project. At Tuesday's meeting, ISG presented their refined design plans and WEB presented their first ROUGH cost estimates. The meeting was very productive, and a wide variety of items were discussed in great detail that were either clarified, revised, agreed upon, or required additional research and analysis by ISG and WEB. As a result of this meeting, ISG will now be able to continue refining the design plans, which allows WEB to continue dialing in their cost estimates. Future update meetings will take place to continue refining all details related to the project until a final schematic design and cost estimate is arrived at and agreed upon. The Building Committee will do its best to continue to keep the congregation informed of the process and progress.

**Our Christian condolences** to the family of Mr. Ron Fisher: Ron passed away on Thursday, May 3, at Oaklawn Rehabilitation Center in Mankato. His funeral was conducted by Pastor Petersen this past Monday, May 7, at Mt. Olive. May God comfort all who mourn his passing.

**Thank you:** "Thank you for all the prayers, cards, love and support over the past two years as our family traveled alongside Ron in his journey with cancer. Your thoughts and kindness are sincerely appreciated and will be remembered. While we mourn the loss of our loved one, we also rejoice and find comfort in knowing that Ron is at peace in his Savior's arms in heaven." Elli and Joe Fisher

**Affirmation of Baptism:** Adeline Esther Bockoven, infant daughter of Peter & Katharine Bockoven, was born May 4 and baptized by Pastor Ulrich on May 12 at Mt. Olive. Her sponsors are Patrick Ernst and Lauren Farquhar. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

**Call Extended:** A call has been extended to Mr. Benjamin Schramm to be the next principal at Mt. Olive Lutheran School. A letter from Mr. Schramm is posted on the

bulletin board in the Narthex. **Please keep Mr. Schramm in your prayers** as he deliberates where the Lord would best have him to serve in God's Kingdom.

**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.

**Softball Umpires Needed**: Mt. Olive Lutheran CDS will sponsor a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, **May 15**, at Caswell. Umps need to report by 8:45AM; the tourney usually finishes around 3:30PM. We are looking for volunteers (or paid individuals) for umping. Umps do not need to worry about balls and strikes, since they just call the bases. Umps need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out, please contact Mr. Zibrowski at 345-7927 or at [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org).



**WORLD CUP SOCCER VBS!**  
Jesus... For The Whole World!  
1 John 2:2

**Camp VBS Planners Needed NOW**: Preparations are underway in planning Mt Olive Camp VBS 2018, and a couple of people are needed as soon as possible to help with the planning. Please contact Sally Sorensen ([sallyksorensen@gmail.com](mailto:sallyksorensen@gmail.com) or (507)382-0239 if you are interested in learning more about serving in either of the following ways:

1. Plan (and possibly lead) the Craft Project.
2. Coordinate volunteers to help the week of VBS.

**Card Shower for Ruth Orvick**: Ruth will be celebrating her 90th birthday on **May 16th**. Ruth and George Orvick were members of Mount Olive for many years while George served as President of the ELS. They are enjoying retirement in Madison, Wisconsin, with fond memories of their Mankato connections and friends. Greetings can be sent to Ruth Orvick, 5764 Portage Road, Madison, WI 53714.

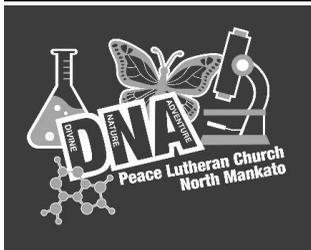
**Ambassadors Meeting**: We are gathering in fellowship to encourage, train, and have fun together in proclaiming the Gospel and learning how we can continue the mission here at Mt. Olive. Anyone can join, for we are all Christ's ambassadors. Ambassadors meet on the third Saturday of each month. You can join us on **May 19th** at 9AM in the Fireside room. Any questions: call or text Jon Basel at 512-373-9064.

**Board Game Night**: On Saturday, **May 19th**, from 5PM to 9PM, join us for a fun night of playing games and getting together. Traditional and modern games will be provided. We will have a potluck meal, so bring food and kid-friendly beverages to share!

Childcare will be available for children under 12; children over 12 (or any capable age) can bring games and play with friends or adults! Bring a friend!

**Save The Date!** Make plans to join us for Mr. Larry Rude's retirement celebration on Sunday, **June 10**, at 11:00 AM. More details to follow.

**VBS 2018 at Peace Lutheran Church**, North Mankato, will be Monday-Wednesday, **June 11-13**, from 9AM to 2PM. Our theme is “Divine Nature Adventure-DNA.” Daily adventures and science experiments will focus on how God creates, changes, and sustains us. Children ages 4 through going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. The cost is \$5/child. **Registration is required.** Forms are available at [peacemankato.com](http://peacemankato.com) and must be turned in to the church office at Peace by Sunday, May 27. Invite a friend!



**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. 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. Sign up for the parade by contacting Michelle Graham (507-720-7258).

**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. 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 at 507-514-2035 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). 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 using 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).

**Camp Indianhead** is **July 8-13**. Parents who wish to receive information for camp and bus transportation can provide their email on the sheet available on the Narthex table. Contact Lance Johnson at [lgustavj77@gmail.com](mailto:lgustavj77@gmail.com) or cell phone (507-720-2130) if you have questions.

**Mt. Olive School Scrip Program** offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris [scrip@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Tiffany Riesgraf [triesgraf@yahoo.com](mailto:triesgraf@yahoo.com).

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Tuesday, May 22, at 7PM in Trinity Chapel:** The Bethany choirs, directed by Dennis Marzolf & Ann Fredrickson, return from their May tour for this Homecoming Concert. The concert will be live streamed on BLC's Chapelcast.

**Thursday, May 24, at 6:30PM in Trinity Chapel:** Bassist Jesse Dietschi, Toronto, Canada, will play along with the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Chamber Orchestra. This concert is free to all, and MAYSO asks that audience members help support the local food shelf by bringing a donation to the concert.

**Summer Music Camp, June 16-21:** Vocal and instrumental music study, performance, and recreation for students currently in grades 9-12, directed by Bethany music professors Dennis Marzolf, Mark DeGarmeaux, and Benjamin Faugstad. Cost: \$275 or \$175. Visit [blc.edu](http://blc.edu) for more info and for the application. Applications are available at: <https://www.blc.edu/events/summer-music-camp-choir-band-strings-2018-06-16-180000-2018-06-21-180000#.WvMexqQvyos>

### **ELS**

**On Saturday, June 16, the ELS Historical Society** will revisit the convention of one hundred years ago at Albert Lea and Lime Creek. The theme of the day will be "Still Under the Oaks". The program will begin at 3:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Albert Lea, MN). Following the program and a catered lunch, a brief commemorative service will be held at Lime Creek Lutheran Church (Lake Mills, IA). Anyone interested is welcome to partake in this special event. **Registrations are due by June 1** in order to make reservations for the catered meal; registration forms are on the narthex table.

### **WELS**

**Commissioning Service:** The members of Mt. Olive are cordially invited to a special worship service at which Dr. Michael K. Smith will be commissioned to serve at Asia Lutheran Seminary (WELS). The service will take place on Sunday, **May 20**, at 3:30PM in Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. The Rev. John Petersen will preach for the occasion, and the Rev. Jonathan Leach (WELS) will perform the rite of commissioning.



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**Advance Registration Required**  
**Deadline: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

## **FREE Soccer Camp & FREE T-Shirt**

Soccer Camp plus ALL the other great stuff that goes along with VBS...  
Bible Lessons, Crafts,  
Music & More

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>  
8:15am - Noon

Camp VBS is for students entering  
Preschool (age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>)  
through 5th Grade (Fall 2018).

**Sign-up Online:**  
[www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org)

## **CAMP VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Interested in sharing the Gospel with 150 kids? Spend a fun, high-energy week helping with Camp VBS.

People 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older are encouraged to volunteer.  
(If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade you may volunteer to help alongside your parent.)

If you would like to volunteer, but have children that are too young to attend Camp VBS -- we do provide babysitting for those little ones.

**Sign up online:** <http://signup.com/go/xvuRPZm>

Please contact Sally Sorensen (507) 382-0239 or [sallyksorensen@gmail.com](mailto:sallyksorensen@gmail.com) with any questions.