



TRINITY 5

Sunday, July 1, 2018, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Silas Born | 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 ways that God chooses to work often comes as a surprise to people. We see this especially as Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to the mustard plant. Starting as a small, seemingly inconsequential seed, yet it grows large and produces much (Mark 4:26-34). Similarly, the small, seemingly inconsequential "seed" of God's Word can grow large and produce much fruit. By God's working through His Word being shared, the Lord will gather His people from all over the earth and bring them to Himself and into His kingdom (Jeremiah 16:14-21). God gives those who belong to His kingdom opportunities to be "fishermen" and "hunters" who go out to share His Word throughout their lives; planting the seed of God's Word as they "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you." (1 Peter 3:8-15).*



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 thanks and joy.)

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

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

~**Opening Hymn 1 – Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word**

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness*

(ELH p. 60, II; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)

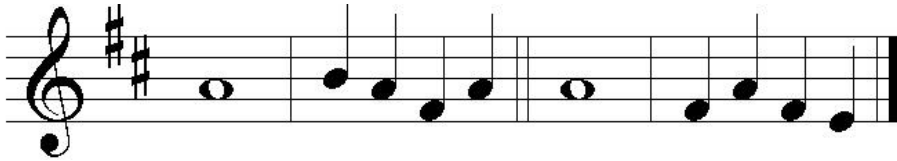
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: 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 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.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten 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 shall be saved.

C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.



C: ♪ Hear, O Lord, when I `cry with my voice;
You `have been my Help.
Do not leave me `or forsake me,
O God of `my salvation.
The Lord is my Light and `my Salvation;
Whom `shall I *fear*?

**Glory be to the Father` and to the Son
And to `the Holy Ghost
As it was in the be`ginning, is now,
And ever shall be, forever`more. A-men.**

~The Kyrie Eleison— “*Lord, Have Mercy*”

(ELH p. 63, I; Mk 10:47)

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

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

(ELH p. 64-66; Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29)

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav`nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

~Salutation — *The People’s Blessing for the Pastor’s Work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** — *The Congregation's Prayer of the Day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 159 #90)

P: Let us pray: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we may love You above all things, and lead us, by faith, to Your eternal promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

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.)

~The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 16:14-21 “Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. “Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the Lord, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.” O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, “Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things.” Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? “Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is the Lord.

~The Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:8-15 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another. Show sympathy, brotherly love, compassion, and humility. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. Instead, speak a blessing, because you were called for the purpose of inheriting a blessing. Indeed: Let the one who wants to love life and to see good days keep his tongue from evil and his lips from saying anything deceitful. Let him turn from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are

on the righteous, and his ears are open to their requests. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

~Alleluia

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 69)

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

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

~Chief Hymn 230, vv. 1, 4 *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Mark 4:26-34 He said, "The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come." Then he said, "To what should we

compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade." With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

~Sermon Message

See the Kingdom Through God's Eyes

1. *See the planting.*
2. *See the growth.*
3. *See the harvest.*

~Offertory — *Prayer of Renewal before Offering*

(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~Offering and Organ Voluntary

*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.*

~Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 71-72)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

(Special petitions are included)

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth,

so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.)

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Preface

(ELH p. 72 ff.; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 75)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus — “Holy”

(ELH p. 76)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 77-78; 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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution

(ELH p. 78; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

~The Pax Domini — “The Peace of the Lord”

(ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Agnus Dei — “Lamb of God”

(ELH p. 79ff; Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 511, vv. 1, 2, 8, 9 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Hymn 461, vv. 2-4 All the World is God’s Own Field

Hymn 312 Bread of the World

~**Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~**Nunc Dimittis** — *“Now I Depart”* (ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

~**Collect of Thanksgiving** (ELH p. 83, II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink the cup;

C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work* (ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Benedicimus** — *Call for blessing* (ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God’s people* (ELH p. 84; 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 580 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

~**Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See “Prayers for Worship” —ELH p. 40)

*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Elisabeth Urtel / 2nd: John Baumann*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**Sunday: 8:30am, 201; 10:00am, 175; Monday: 27
GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$14,499.29**



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 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.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Greeters: Robert & Ruth Heidenreich, Craig & Jane Zibrowski

Ushers: 1st Service: Juel Merseth (captain), Ron Bequette,
Greg Lieske, Ron Koth, Tim Merseth, Jordan Merseth

2nd Service: Dean Kluge (captain), Bill Bukowski,
Joe Madson, Jon Mueller, Jacob Mueller

Offering Counters: Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode

Altar Guild: Connie Meyer, Terri Westphal

WEEK AT A GLANCE: July 1, 2018—July 8, 2018

Sunday July 1	8:30AM 10AM 1PM 2PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Golf Tourney (rescheduled from June 24) Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday July 2	6:15PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Softball, Caswell 4 Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday July 3	8AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 7PM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Psalms</i> Planned Giving Committee Jesus Cares Ministry Men's Chorus
Wed. July 4		Independence Day (Office Closed) No MOMs summer park playdate
Thurs. July 5	7PM	MOMs Bible Study, Fireside Room
Fri. July 6		
Saturday. July 7	9:45AM 3:15PM 10:30AM 11AM	New 2 You Volunteers North Mankato Parade Volunteers Meeting North Mankato Fun Days Parade
Sunday July 8	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Camp Indianhead Bus Departure Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal

Pastor Luke Ulrich has received a divine call to serve as the Pastor at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, in Lombard, Illinois. Please keep him and his family in your prayers, asking that God's will may be done.

Mt. Olive Annual Golf Tourney has been rescheduled for **today** at Minneopa Golf Course, starting at 2PM.

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool will host their annual Back-to-School Picnic on Tuesday, August 21, from 6-8PM. Two spots are left in the T/Th a.m. class and 9 spots remain in the M/W/F p.m. class. For more information, please call Joslyn at 385-7752 or email her at joslynmoldstad@gmail.com.

A hot lunch coordinator/supervisor and a teachers' aide are needed for the 2018-19 school year at Mt. Olive CDS. Contact Principal Born at 507-345-7927 or by e-mail at school.mtolivelutheran.org if you are interested.

Ushers Needed! Gentlemen: Mt. Olive is currently in need of usher volunteers (any confirmed male member) for first, and especially second, services for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (July 1- June 30). Specifically, if you would like to usher during December, the deacons are forming usher teams for Sundays, Advent Wednesdays, and special services (children's Christmas Program, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day). Please contact David Reagles at david.reagles@blc.edu or (507)304-0941 if you are willing to serve.

M.O.M.s study group summer park playdates: All are welcome to join us for our summer park playdates. Park playdates are come and go, from 9AM to noon on Wednesday mornings at Alexander Park at Sibley Park. If it's raining, the playdate is cancelled. We hope to see you there! **Note:** no playdate on July 4.

Summer Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible Study meets each Thursday at 7PM for the month of July in the Fireside Room, with the study topic of "Families Under God." Contact Shaylene Scheele (scheele.shaylene@yahoo.com) for more information.

Join the Parades! Mount Olive's Evangelism Committee will be participating in North Mankato's Fun Days parade on **July 07** and the Tator Days parade in Eagle Lake on **July 21**. All participants are asked to wear their Mt. Olive apparel (if you need a new shirt, contact Jon Basel or Michelle Graham). Parade line-up information is yet to be determined. If you are interested in walking (it has a canopy for shade) or riding on the float, and sharing the Gospel with those around us, please contact Michelle Graham (507-720-7258).

Attention Youth: 5 FREE ride tickets and 1 FREE duck game for each youth participating in the North Mankato Fun Days parade on Saturday, **July 07**. To ensure adequate tickets are available, please contact Michelle Graham: 507-720-7258 or mmka71490@gmail.com.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church youth activities. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

ELS



The first officers elected for the reorganized ELS in 1918 were: Bjug Harstad, president (Parkland, Washington); John A. Moldstad, vice-president (Chicago, Illinois); C.N. Peterson, secretary (Minneapolis, Minnesota); A.J. Torgerson, treasurer (Northwood, Iowa). Committees also were elected for Missions, Publications, History, and Constitution. It also was determined to continue the publication of the *Luthersk Tidende* (today, *Lutheran Sentinel*).

In The Olive Press are all other new announcements. Please pick up your copy from the ushers.



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