



REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 28, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

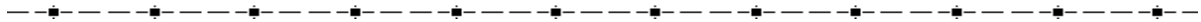
Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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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 Festival of Reformation is celebrated to commemorate Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. This event is considered to be the start of the Reformation. As we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation, we are directing our glorifying and praise to God. We are not glorifying Luther or the Lutheran Church or any branch of the Lutheran Church. Our purpose is to thank and praise God for directing His people back to the clear teachings of His Word, which proclaims His free grace handed to us through the work of Christ alone. The V.D.M.A. around the cross above stands for "Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum"—a Latin phrase commonly used by the early Lutherans, meaning "The Word of the Lord Stands Forever." This theme emphasized the Lutheran's trust and reliance upon the Word of God.*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).



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 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 415 *I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone***
(vv. 1-2, Mt. Olive Youth Choir; v. 3, All)

~**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, II; Mk. 16:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Mt. Olive Youth Choir** *All Glory Be to Thee, Most High*

(Decius & Schumann)

1. *All glory be to thee, Most High,
To thee all adoration;
In grace and truth thou drawest nigh
To offer us salvation;
Thou showest thy good will to men,
And peace shall reign on earth again;
We praise thy Name for ever.*

2. *O Jesus Christ, our God and Lord,
Son of the Heavenly Father,
O thou who hast our peace restored,
The straying sheep dost gather,
Thou Lamb of God, to thee on high
Out of the depths we sinners cry:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

3. *O Holy Ghost, thou precious gift,
Thou Comforter unfailing,
From Satan's snares our souls uplift,
And let thy power, availing,
Avert our woes and calm our dread.
For us the Savior's blood was shed;
We trust in thee to save us.*

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

(ELH p. 45; p. 166 #142)

P: Let us pray: O Lord God, heavenly Father: Pour out, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people; keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Your Word. and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Your saving peace; through the same, 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.)

~Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34 “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

~Epistle Lesson

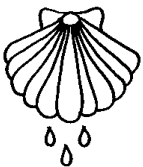
Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

~Holy Gospel Lesson

John 8:31-36 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” “We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’” Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

Affirmation of Holy Baptism



(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing “with water through the Word” is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God’s grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that “all nations” be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one’s Baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)

~Baptismal Hymn 241 *He That Believes and Is Baptized*

~Affirmation of Baptism for:

Tobias Leonard Gunderson (1st Service)

Peyton Elizabeth Bode (2nd Service)

~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 403 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

~Sermon Text

Romans 1:17b "The just shall live by faith."

~Sermon Theme

The Text That Made Martin Luther...& Makes Us!

~Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; 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.

~Apostolic Benediction

(ELH p. 49; 2 Cor. 13:14)

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

~Offering & Hymn 250 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

(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 "Get Connected" card and place that in the offering plate.)

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(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 589 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

~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)*

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Youth Choir Director: Katie Sulzle;

Accompanists: Lois Johnson, piano; Joe Finken, trumpet

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 282/205; 10:00am, 203/152; Monday: 26/20

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$10,729.78



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

Psalm 116:12-13 What shall I render to the Lord / For all His benefits toward me? / I will take up the cup of salvation, / And call upon the name of the Lord.

*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: **1st Service:** Don & Beth Westphal,
Ron & Mary Younge

2nd Service: John & Nada Foede,
James & Carolyn Gates

Ushers: **1st Service:** Jeff Younge (captain), Aaron Younge,
Joseph Roemhildt, Tim Roemhildt

2nd Service: Mark Madson (captain), Kirk Hankins,
Chad Feistner, Andy Overn, Ian Overn

Offering Counters: Ron Younge, Jeff Younge

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Ellie Fisher

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *October 28, 2018—November 4, 2018*

Sunday, October 28	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3PM 6PM 7:30PM	Reformation Sunday Divine Service Children’s Sunday School/Informational Forum Divine Service Senior Youth Hayride Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, October 29	6:30PM 7PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Board of Stewardship Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, October 30	8AM 7PM	Women’s Bible Study – <i>Job</i> MOMs Bible Study, Library
Wednesday, October 31	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	CDS Book Fair CDS Chapel Bible Class Mt. Olive Youth Choir Confirmation Class Senior Choir
Thursday, November 1	8:30AM	CDS Book Fair MOMs Bible Study, Peace
Friday, November 2	6:30PM	CDS Book Fair (No CDS) Junior Youth Group
Saturday, November 3	9:45AM-3:15PM	Turn Back Your Clocks! New2You Volunteers
Sunday, November 4	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 1PM 7:30PM	CDS Book Fair Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Voters’ Meeting Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Hal & Marsha Natvig.

Affirmations of Baptism Today:

1st Service: Tobias Leonard Gunderson, infant son of Doug and Jessica Gunderson, was born July 7, 2018, and baptized July 8, 2018, at his parents' home by Pastor Petersen. His sponsors are Taylor Gunderson and Kyla & Cameron Rath.

2nd Service: Peyton Elizabeth Bode, infant daughter of Elijah & Erin Bode, was born September 21, 2018, and baptized September 24, 2018, at Mt. Olive by Pastor Ulrich. Her sponsors are Isaac Bode and Lance & Brooke Noska.

May Tobias and Peyton ever grow in Christ and be blessed through this Sacrament.

All church members are invited to attend an informational forum **today** at 9:40AM between services.

Join us for the Senior Youth Annual Hayride today! Meet at Mt. Olive's side parking lot at 3PM, and we'll carpool out to the Olson farm for a hayride, food, and fun. We will return to church by about 8PM. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can coordinate carpooling. Any questions: contact Angela at 541-245-7465 or ammerseth@gmail.com.

Come One, Come All: The book fair opens Wednesday, **October 31**, at 2:30PM. It will run Thursday and Friday during parent-teacher conference times and on Sunday from 9:30 until 11:50 AM. Please come with your child and check out the fall selection of books. Encourage "grandparents" to stop by also. Giving the "**gift of the love of books**" is one of the best presents a child can get.

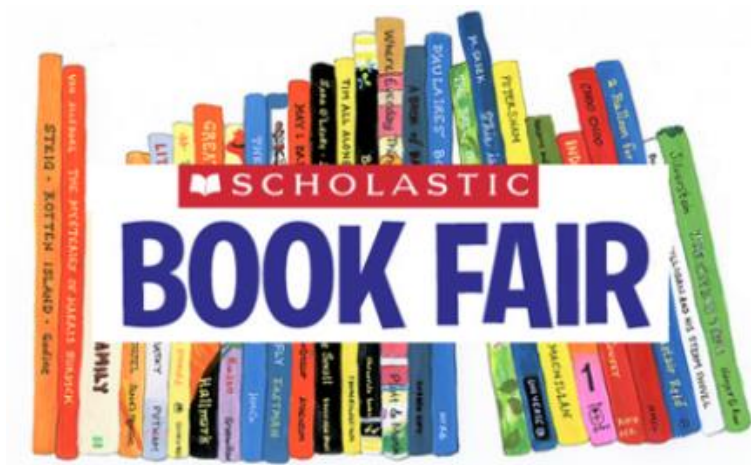
Jr. Youth Group - 7th & 8th Graders! Join us on Friday, **November 2**, from 6:30-8:30PM. We will meet in the Church Social Hall for a devotion, a potluck dinner, and group games. We will provide hot dogs and beverages. Youth: please bring a side dish to share. It can be something simple OR complex! Get Creative! Your side-dishes will be judged and prizes awarded! Questions? Ask Pastor Luke Ulrich.

Voters: there will be a Voters' meeting next Sunday, **November 4**, at noon to extend a call for a full-time principal and for a full-time teacher. The possibility of asking for a vicar will also be discussed.

Support Mt. Olive School's Lego League! Join us for a fundraiser at Chipotle, 1851 E. Madison Ave., in Mankato on Tuesday, **November 6**, between 5PM to 9PM. Pocket-sized flyers for the event are on the narthex table. Bring in your flyer or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause; 33% of the proceeds will be donated to our Lego League.

Volunteer Basketball Coaches Needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran School is in need of volunteer coaches for our Boys A squad and our Boys B squad for this school year. Practices would be from 2:30 to 5:30PM at Mt Olive on Mondays and Thursdays. Times would be determined by when coaches are available. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org. Thank you.

Have you heard of the Scrip Program? Did you know Mt Olive offers it? It's easy to join and can go towards your child's tuition, the tuition assistance fund, or the tuition reduction fund. Physical gift cards, Reload/Reload Now gift cards and ScripNow are available. Contact Sara K. at 507-279-2909 or Tiffany R. at 507-317-2958 or e-mail questions to: scrip@mtolivelutheran.org.



Opening October 31 at 2:30 PM:
Come into the “Enchanted Forest”
and stock up on **Good Books!**

Wednesday, October 31, 2:30 – 6:00 PM
Thursday, November 1, 2:30 – 7:30 PM
Friday, November 2, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sunday, November 4, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets; **sign-up sheets for** the Senior Youth Hayride and New2You; the **September edition of** *Mission News & Helping Hands*; the **October editions of** *Thoughts of Faith*, the MVL Memo, and the ELS *President's Newsletter*; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.

The November issue of the *Olive Press* has announcements for Bethany Lutheran College, Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, WELS, and events within our community; pick up your copy from the ushers today.