



## LENT 1 / LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, March 10, 2019, 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 **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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.

**Special Prayer for Lutheran Schools Week:** *Heavenly Father, we thank You, that by Your grace, we are able to provide a Christian education for the children of our Church & School. We thank You for giving us devout Christian teachers and staff who selflessly give of their time and efforts in the blessed work of teaching Your lambs. Be with them and bless the work that they carry out in Your name. Through their efforts, build up and strengthen the students of our school in the true faith unto life everlasting. Instill in the hearts of these students a love for Your Word and a desire to ever continue in receiving Your means of grace throughout their lives. We thank You for the many families that are blessed by our school, and for the many families that continue to be a blessing for our school with their continued support. We call upon You, Oh Lord, to be with us and bless our Mount Olive Lutheran School. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.*

## Order of Worship: Office of Prime



(This morning's liturgy is based on the "Office of Prime." This order of service was first developed & used around 400 AD, as a time of prayer, devotion, and scriptural encouragement during "prime"—the Latin term for "the first hour of the day." Though short & simple, it continues to serve as an excellent way to start our day & week. Found on page 108 in the front of our Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH), it would serve as a fitting order for you to use in any of your personal or family devotions.)



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

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

~**Opening Hymn 182 One Thing Needful**

(Christian Day School Choir: Grades K-4, v. 1; Grades 5-8, v. 2; All Grades, v. 5; Congregation, v. 6)

~**Versicles and Gloria Patri** — Opening sentences & "Glory to the Father"

(ELH p. 108)

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

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

~**Confession & Absolution** — Admitting guilt & receiving forgiveness (ELH pp. 108-109)

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.

~**Hymn 252, vv. 1-3 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

~**Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 3:1-7** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

~Hymn 252, vv. 4-6 *I Walk With Angels All the Way*

~Epistle Lesson

**2 Corinthians 6:1-10** As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says: At a favorable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation! We are giving no one a reason to stumble in any way, so that our ministry will not be blamed. Rather, in every way we show ourselves to be God’s ministers: in great endurance, in troubles, in hardships, in difficulties, in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in hard work, in sleepless nights, in times of hunger; in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, in the word of truth, in the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness on the right and on the left; through glory and dishonor, through bad report and good report; treated as deceivers yet being honest, treated as unknown and yet being well known; as dying, and yet look—we live; as punished yet not put to death; as grieving yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing yet possessing everything.

~Apostles’ Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 68-69)

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 250, vv. 1-3 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

### ~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

**Matthew 4:1-11** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." But Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God." Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God." Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

### ~Sermon Message

*Responding to Temptations with "It Is Written!"*

### ~Offering and Hymn 302 *The Tree of Life*

*(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.)*

### ~Responsory — *Responsive prayer between Pastor & Congregation*

*(ELH p. 108)*

P: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us

**C: O Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.**

P: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

**C: And deliver us for Your name's sake.**

### ~Prayers & Special Petitions

#### ~Collect — *Prayer for the start of a day*

*(ELH p. 108)*

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in Your holy light all my life and even forevermore. O

Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us; 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.**

~**Lord's Prayer**

*(ELH p. 85; 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.**

~**Canticle** — *"Little Song" of scriptural encouragement*

*(ELH p. 108; Mt 5:3-12)*

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**C: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

~**Closing Versicles & Blessing**

*(ELH p. 108)*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us bless the Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

**C: Amen.**

~**Closing Hymn 180** *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

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

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

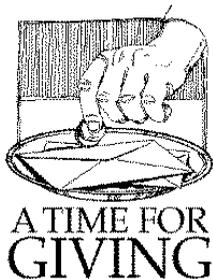
Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen  
 Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Elisabeth Urtel  
 CDS Choir Director: Silas Born / Accompanist: Miranda Dittmer

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

**Sunday: 8:30am, 347/224; 10:45am, 187/139**

**Ash Wednesday: 236/160**

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (Jan. 1-31)	\$53,238.88
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (Jan. 1-31)	<u>\$16,158.00</u>
<b><u>Total Given (Jan. 1-31)</u></b>	<u>\$69,396.88</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Jan. 31) (\$75,425/month x 7 months)	\$527,975.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Jan. 31)	<u>\$490,264.48</u>
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$37,710.52)</u>

*2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*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.*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** **1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Don & Beth Westphal,  
Craig & Jane Zibrowski

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Steve & Lois Jaeger

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

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

**Offering Counters:** Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

**Altar Guild:** LuAnn Sting, Carol Leiferman

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**BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

1. Despite the unfavorable weather in February, WEB project manager Josh Williams reports that he is not concerned about the construction timeline at this point.
2. The WEB construction crew has been removing snow from the roof after each snowfall and continues to install roofing whenever and wherever possible.
3. Weather permitting, WEB's plan is to complete enclosure of the new addition the week of February 25 and then start heating the space to thaw the ground so plumbing and electrical work can begin.

This has been a challenging weather period, but progress continues. May our prayers and offerings continue as well as we eagerly anticipate additional evidences of spring and the expansion of our facility.

**On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for** New2You volunteers, softball teams, and the Beacon Center Youth Lock-In; **Camp Indianhead registration forms** and sign-up sheets; the **January edition of** *Mission News & Helping Hands*; the **February issue of** *Thoughts of Faith*; **March editions of** the *Olive Press* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*, and the **March 3-June 1 issue of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *March 10, 2019—March 17, 2019***

<p><b>Sunday,</b> March 10</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM</p>	<p><b>Lutheran Schools Week</b> <b>CDS Choir</b> Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p><b>Monday,</b> March 11</p>	<p>9:30AM 10AM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Area Pastors' Conference, at Peace Veterans' Bible Study <b>No Evening Service</b> Church Council</p>
<p><b>Tuesday,</b> March 12</p>	<p>8AM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study, Old Testament Book "Job" M.O.M.s Bible Study</p>
<p><b>Wednesday,</b> March 13</p>	<p>8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Chapel Bible Class—"Adiaphora" Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Lenten Meal: Spaghetti, served by CDS Faculty Lenten Midweek Service Senior Choir</p>
<p><b>Thurs.,</b> Mar. 14</p>	<p>8:30AM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace</p>
<p><b>Friday,</b> March 15</p>	<p>1:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p><b><i>Olive Press</i> Newsletter Deadline</b> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Faculty Volleyball Game Family Dance Night</p>
<p><b>Saturday,</b> March 16</p>	<p>9AM 5PM</p>	<p>Ambassadors Game Night w/Potluck</p>
<p><b>Sunday,</b> March 17</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40 AM 10:45AM 1PM 1PM 5:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Lutheran Pioneers, at Lake Crystal Rec. Center Senior Youth Group Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“The two plants in the sanctuary** are given in loving memory of Alvin and Valborg Natvig, founding members from 1927, of Bethany Lutheran Congregation/ Mt. Olive Lutheran 1948, and Elsa, David, and Arthur Natvig, and in honor of Marilyn, Anne, Harold and George Lee, all baptized under Bethany Lutheran Congregation.”—Hal & Marsha Natvig

**Parents of K-3 Students:** K-3 teachers will dismiss their students to sit with parents during the 1st service **today**, so save pew space for your students.

**Baptized This Past Week:** Coen Lee Ober, infant son of Nathan and Emmaleen Ober, was born January 30, 2019, in Worthington, MN. Coen was baptized at Mt. Olive on March 6, 2019, by Pastor Petersen. His sponsors are Martin & Keri Langhorst and Nicholas Ober. May he ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

**Lutheran Schools Week is March 10-15.** The CDS Band Preservice Music and the Band Bake Sale originally scheduled for today have been postponed. CDS students will be singing in area nursing homes on Monday morning, March 11. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade/faculty volleyball game has been moved to Friday, March 15, at 1:30PM. The Family Dance Night is Friday, March 15, at 6:30-8:30PM. The March 7 edition of the *Herald* has more details.

**Last chance to submit photos for the Photo Directory: tonight at midnight.** Submit personal photos to [jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org), or bring them to the church office, or go to our website at [mtolivelutheran.org](http://mtolivelutheran.org) and click the banner at the top of the page.

**A reminder: no** Monday evening services during the Lenten season. Join us for our services each Wednesday evening in March and on April 3 and 10. See the March issue of the *Olive Press* for more details on the Lenten meals and the services.

**Spaghetti Supper:** Wednesday, **March 13**, 5-6:30PM, served by the CDS Faculty, with proceeds benefitting the Mt. Olive Tuition Fund.

**Kwik Trip’s Milk Moola program is ending**—please turn in your caps or bag strips by Friday, **March 15**.

**Lutheran Pioneers** has their annual swim and gym event at the Lake Crystal Recreation Center on Sunday, **March 17**, from 1-4PM. See the March issue of the *Olive Press* for more details, or contact Denice Woller at [dwoller@blc.edu](mailto:dwoller@blc.edu).

**Senior Youth Group** will meet Sunday, **March 17**, with open gym from 5:30-7:00PM, followed by pizza and Easter breakfast planning. We should be done by around 7:30PM.

**If anyone is missing a 10 x 16 inch CorningWare plastic cover**, please contact the church office by March 17.

**After School Child Care** is in need of fabric scraps for an upcoming project. Bring your unwanted/left-over material to the youth room.

**Thank you to all who donated paper tubes** for an upcoming event here at Mt. Olive. We have an ample supply to make resurrection character puppets for all the children who will be attending.

**KwikTrip Cards**: KwikTrip has offered Mt. Olive a 10% savings on their cards. Buy the cards at face value; 10% of your purchase goes to Mt. Olive Church Youth Group activities, including Camp Indianhead, LYA, and Honor Choir. Cards ranging from \$5 to \$100 are available. Contact Rebecca Strom at 507-386-0372 for more information.

**Parents**: please check the “Lost and Found” area for missing items.

**Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s)** have begun their Spring session of Bible studies. New moms are always welcome to join; studies are on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. This week, the evening Bible study will meet on Tuesday, March 12, as usual; however, there is **no Bible study on Thursday morning, March 14**.

	<b>Morning M.O.M.s Study:</b>	<b>Evening M.O.M.s Study:</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Thursdays, 8:30-10AM</b>	<b>Tuesdays, 7-8:30PM</b>
<b>Where:</b>	Peace Lutheran, North Mankato	Mt. Olive Church/School Library
<b>Study:</b>	<b><i>Boundaries</i></b> , by Cloud and Townsend, with Pastor Hartwig providing Biblical principles.	<b><i>1 Peter</i></b> . Bring your Bible. Other materials will be provided.
<b>Childcare:</b>	Provided; please register children by sending names/ages to Kristen Lukasek..	Not provided.
<b>Contact:</b>	Kristen Lukasek: 507-382-7963 or mattlukasek@yahoo.com	Shaylene Scheele: 309-830-2538 or scheele.shaylene@yahoo.com

**Coming Soon: the “BOGO Book Fair”**. Mark these dates on your calendar:



Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 28, 2:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Friday, March 29, 2:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 31, 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Remember: “BOGO” means you get two books for the price of one.

**If you haven’t already done so**, direct your 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School at Thrivent.com, as they expire on **March 31**.

**Softball Players**: Sign-up sheets for softball teams are on the narthex table. Men’s church league plays on Monday nights, and co-ed league plays on Tuesday nights.

**Camp Indianhead Update**: Mt. Olive members must register for Camp Indianhead by **June 8** in order to receive a \$50 reimbursement. When registering for camp, Mt Olive members will submit the difference of the camp fee (\$240). Connect with Lance Johnson if you have questions.

**When you park on Marsh Street, please note**: The neighbors on Marsh Street are asking that we not block the steps from the street to their houses. Thank you.

**Mt Olive Crafters** meet each Tuesday from 1-5PM at the home of Janet Wassman, 25 Crown Hill Lane, Mankato. We have activities for all skill levels. It’s not just sewing, knitting or crocheting; if cutting, pinning, pasting or fellowship is of interest, we’d love to have you join us. Or, if it’s easier for you, consider working on projects at home. Currently, we are working on Chemo Hats but are looking to add other activities. Call Janet at 507-380-3281 for more details.

**Save the Date**: Easter for Kids, Saturday, **April 13**. Watch the *April Olive Press* and the upcoming editions of the *Herald* for more details.

**Red Cross Blood Drive Update**: The blood drive that was originally scheduled for March 29 at Mt. Olive has been **postponed to June 5**. More details will be available in the *May Olive Press*.

**Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:**

**A business administration faculty position is available.** Check the BLC bulletin board in the Social Hall for details, or go to <https://www.blc.edu/employment>. Application deadline is Monday, **March 18.**

**Notes From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:**

**See the March MVL Memo flyer** on the narthex table for details on the Booster Club Auction on Saturday, **March 23**, and the Father/Daughter Dance on Saturday, **April 6.**

**Within Our Sister Synod:**

**Trinity Lutheran School in Nicollet** would like to invite your family to a fundraiser on Saturday, **March 16**, from 10AM-2PM. A silent auction, pie auction and many carnival-like games for all ages will be available during this time.

**The 4th Annual Men of Truth Conference** is Saturday, **March 23** at the Martin Luther College Auditorium, from 8AM-2PM. See the March edition of the *Olive Press* for registration information or the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**2019 Youth Lock-In: Calling All 4th - 8th graders!** The fun begins Friday, **March 29**, at 9PM at the Lake Crystal Rec. Center and concludes Saturday, March 30, at 8AM at the Beacon. There will be swimming, basketball, pizza, late night worship, and much more! Registration forms are available on the narthex table, or you can register online at [mankatocampusministry.org](http://mankatocampusministry.org)