

LENT 2

Sunday, March 17, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** 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: *“You who have escaped from the nations...Tell and bring forth your case.” (Is 45:20-25) This is what the Canaanite woman did. With faith in Jesus to help her, she came to Him. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help. (Mt 15:21-28) Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” This is the sanctifying will of God, (1 Thess 4:1-7) to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint. (Rom 5:1-5)*



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 258, vv. 1, 3** *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest*

~**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. 60-61, 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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.

~Hymn 298, vv. 1, 8 *Sing, My Tongue, How Glorious Battle*

~**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. 152 #43)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us, we beseech You, by Your Holy Spirit, that He may strengthen our hearts and confirm our faith and hope in Your grace and mercy, so that, although we have reason to fear because of our conscience, our sin, and our unworthiness, we may nevertheless, with the woman of Canaan, hold fast to Your grace, and in every trial and temptation find You a present help and refuge; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, 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

Isaiah 45:20-25 “Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god that cannot save. Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. In the Lord all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.’ ”

~Lenten Sentence

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev'n the death of the Cross.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing), we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more. To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. Indeed, this is God's will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. No one is to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification.

~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 256, vv. 1-3 *When Afflictions Sore Oppress You*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 15:21-28 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

~Sermon Message

"There Goes Another Crumby Christian"

1. *Who agonizes over the suffering of others.*
2. *Who intercedes incessantly for others.*
3. *Who deeply values God's saving love.*

~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 & 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 "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

(ELH p. 71-72)

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". 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.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 73)

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; You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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 257, vv. 1-4 *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

Hymn 256, vv. 4, 5 *Learn to Mark God's Wondrous Dealing*

Hymn 257, vv. 5-7 *And Thus We come, O God, Today*

Hymn 258, vv. 5-7 *When Sorrows Rise, My Refuge Lies*

Hymn 324, vv. 11-14 *Your Table, Lord, Grants Me Great Pow'r*

~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 this 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.

~Benedicamus — *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 361, vv. 2, 5 *Faith Finds in Christ Whate'er We Need*

~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: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Elisabeth Urtel

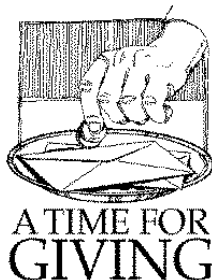
On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for New2You volunteers, softball teams, volunteers for "Easter for Kids", Easter tulips, and the Beacon Center Youth Lock-In; **Camp Indianhead registration forms** and sign-up sheets; the **January edition of Mission News & Helping Hands**; the **February issue 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.**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 304; 10:45am, 144

Wednesday:

Monthly Giving Update:



Given to the General Fund (Feb. 1-28)	\$50,686.93
Given to the Building Fund (Feb. 1-28)	<u>\$17,193.55</u>
Total Given (Feb. 1-28)	<u>\$67,880.48</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Feb. 28) (\$75,425/month x 8 months)	\$603,400.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Feb. 28)	<u>\$540,951.41</u>
Difference (Shortfall)	<u>(\$62,448.59)</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 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,
Craig & Jane Zibrowski

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger

Ushers: 1st Service: Nathan Graham (captain), Art Westphal,
Chad Sorensen, Darrell Iverson, Ray Iverson

2nd 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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *March 17, 2019—March 24, 2019*

Sunday, March 17	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	1PM	Lutheran Pioneers, at Lake Crystal Rec. Center
	5:30PM	Senior Youth Group
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, March 18	6:30PM	No Evening Service
	7:30PM	Board of Parish Ed & Youth
Tuesday, March 19	8AM	Women’s Bible Study, Old Testament Book “Job”
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, March 20	8:05AM	Chapel
	9AM	Bible Class—“Adiaphora”
	3PM	Youth Choir
	4PM	Confirmation Classes
	5PM	Lenten Meal: Sloppy Joes, served by Evangelism Committee
	6:30PM	Lenten Midweek Service
	7:30PM	Senior Choir
Thurs., Mar. 21	8:30AM	M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace
Fri., Mar. 22	10:15AM	Service at Pathstone
Sat., Mar. 23		
Sunday, March 24		New Member Sunday
	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	6PM	Artemis Video Gaming
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Progress continues on our new construction in spite of a lack of cooperation from the winter weather. Here's the latest:

- Roofing is completed except for some detail work.
- The new construction is "dried in," meaning that the roof is tight and all door and window openings have been covered by wood or plastic.
- The exterior walls of the new addition have now been insulated.
- Temporary lighting will now be installed in the new construction area.
- Heat is now being run into the new construction space in order to thaw the ground. This thawing will probably take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
- While the ground thaws, work will continue on overflow piping from the roof and all above-ground piping and draining.
- After the ground is thawed, work will begin on the installation of underground utilities.
- Fine tuning of details is ongoing, as construction update meetings continue on a bi-weekly basis.

Please pray for progress on the construction, the safety of all who labor on the building, wisdom in all the decisions that must be made during construction, contributions toward the project to continue to flow from thankful hearts, and for all to be done to God's glory and according to His will.

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.

Lenten Meal, Wednesday, **March 20,** 5-6:30PM: Sloppy Joes, served by the Evangelism Committee.

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.

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

Easter Sunday tulips for the sanctuary: A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table; cost is \$14. The deadline for sign-up is Sunday, March 31.

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.

Volunteer opportunity! Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee will be hosting Easter for Kids on Saturday, **April 13**, from 9AM-1PM. You can help with crafts, gym time, lunch, etc. If you are interested, sign up in the Narthex or call Michelle Graham at 507-720-7258.

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:

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.