

He is
Risen

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Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Silas Born

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.

Order of Worship: *Rite One*

(pp. 41–59 in the black hymnal—
The Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))



I. The Service of Preparation

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

~**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.

~**Hymn 352 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

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

(ELH p. 41, II)

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 Hymn 350, vv. 1, 4 *He's Risen, He's Risen*

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, l; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

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

~**Canticle Hymn 359, vv. 1, 4, 5** *This Is the Feast*

~**Salutation & Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 155 #61)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech You, that, as You put in our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through 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**

Hosea 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes."

~Senior Choir Responsory — *Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands* J. S. Bach

*Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of Alleluia!
Alleluia!*

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-8 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!" They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

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 343, vv. 4, 5, 7 *It Was a Strange and Dreadful Strife*

~Exordium — *Festival exhortation and introduction from the preacher*

~Exordium Hymn 348 *He Is Arisen, Glorious Word!*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

2 Timothy 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel,

~Sermon Theme:

Three Words of Truth: “Remember He’s Risen!”

~Easter Prayer & Special Petitions

~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 “Get Connected!” card and place that in the offering plate.)*

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** — *Preparing our hearts for Communion* (ELH p. 50 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.

~**Easter 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, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us 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, Holy, Holy”* (ELH p. 51 ff)

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

~**Lord’s Prayer** (ELH p. 53; 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. 54; 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."

~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God" (ELH p. 55; 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 354, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Hymn 310 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Hymn 351 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

~Dismissal — Assurance of blessing for those who have communed (ELH p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Hymn of Thanksgiving 354, v. 10 For the Joy Thy Birth Doth Give Me

~Collect of Thanksgiving (ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

~ **Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 56 ff.; 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.**

~**Hymn 341, vv. 4, 6** *Now Hell, Its Prince, the Devil*

~**Closing Prayer**

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!*

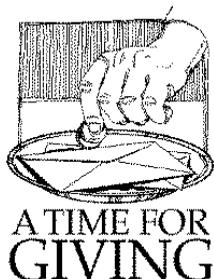
(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: Mark DeGarmeaux / Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel

On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for New2You volunteers and softball; **Camp Indianhead registration forms** and sign-up sheets; **registration forms for** MVL softball camp and summer camps, Scarville Lutheran School Olympics, and Lutheran Girl Pioneers camp; the **March edition of** *Mission News & Helping Hands*; **April editions of** the *Olive Press*, the *ELS President's Newsletter*, and *Thoughts of Faith*; and the **March 3-June 1 issue of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday: 8:30am, 365; 10:45am, 190

Monthly Giving Update:



Given to the General Fund (Mar. 1-31)	\$79,844.26
Given to the Building Fund (Mar. 1-31)	\$32,533.00
<u>Total Given (Mar. 1-31)</u>	<u>\$112,377.26</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Mar. 31) (\$75,425/month x 9 months)	\$678,825.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Mar. 31)	\$620,796.00
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$58,029.00)</u>

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:** Ernie & Marge Lillo,
Lois Otto

2nd Service: James & Carolyn Gates

Ushers: **1st Service:** Ron Younge (captain), Brian Strom,
James Strom, Silas Born, Paul Gullixson

2nd Service: Jim Gullixson (captain), Peter Bloedel, Hans Bloedel,
David Gullixson, Spencer Olson

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Sharon Madson, Kristin Matzke, Lynette Merseth



Flowers adorning our sanctuary today are given in celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Rev. Ted & Diane , Mark and Paul Gullixson in honor of Ruth Webber
Mark & Michelle Graham in honor of loved ones
Becky Anton in honor of Robert & Ruth Kimble
Elli and Joe Fisher in honor of Ron Fisher and loved ones
Bill & Suzanne Bohning in honor of our parents
Kay & Roger Hislop in honor of loved ones
Paul & Mary Jane Tweit in honor of loved ones
Mark & Sharon Madson in honor of our parents
Sandy & Mark Johnson in honor of Mary & Orville Sampson
Laurie Kuster-Overn in honor of loved ones
Art & Terri Westphal in honor of loved ones
Ron & Mary Younge in honor of loved ones
Dave & Cindy Reimers in honor of our fathers and siblings
Steve & Lois Johnson in honor of Walt & Mildred Gullixson
Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad in honor of Ray & Irmgard Zielke and Lydia Kletscher
Kurt, Rose, and Evelyn Shrader in honor of Baby Gale
Jim & Carolyn Gates in honor of our parents



WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 21, 2019—April 28, 2019

Sunday, April 21	7:30AM 8:30AM 10AM	Easter Sunday Senior Choir Sings Sunrise Service Easter Breakfast Festival Service w/Holy Communion No Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, April 22	10AM	No CDS (Office Closed) Veterans Bible Study No Evening Service
Tuesday, April 23	8AM 1PM 7PM	Women's Bible Study, Old Testament Book "Job" Mt. Olive Crafters M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, April 24	8:05AM 9AM 4PM 6:30PM	Chapel Bible Study, "Portraits of Easter" Confirmation Classes PTF Large Group
Thursday, April 25	8:30AM 7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace Confirmation Examination
Fri., Apr. 26	10:15AM	Pathstone Service
Saturday, April 27	8:45AM 5PM	Confirmation Photos & Rehearsal Board Game Night w/Potluck
Sunday, April 28	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	Confirmation Sunday Spring Connect Groups Start Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service & Confirmation Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers: Many thanks to those who purchased flowers to beautify our altar today! If you have not yet paid for them, please stop in the office, and Annette or Gail will be happy to help you. Please take your flowers home today after the 10AM service to enjoy with your families.

Confirmation for 14 young people is scheduled for Sunday, **April 28**, at the 10:45AM service. In order to have adequate seating for the families and friends of the confirmands, please consider attending the 8:30AM service that day. Thank you!

Need a confirmation gift? The Bookstore at Bethany Lutheran College has many gifts available for confirmation, including prayer books, Confirmation keepsake books, the Lutheran Study Bible (ESV) and other Bibles, books, and confirmation hymn cards. Bibles and prayer books can be imprinted. The Bookstore is located on the second floor of the Old Main Building.

Our Spring Connect Group season will begin the week of **April 28** and end the week of May 26. There are a variety of Connect Groups who meet throughout the week to socialize and delve deeper into God's Word and the sermons on Sunday. To learn more and to sign up, go to mtlivelutheran.org/connect.

Please note: there is **no** Monday evening service on April 22. Monday evening services will resume on **April 29**.

Call Announcement

"Dear Members of Mt Olive,
I am writing this letter to inform you that this past Sunday I received a call from St. John Lutheran Church in Waterloo, WI. They have called me to teach 5-6 Grade, Athletic Director with some coaching, and to serve as Vice-Principal. Please keep my family and me in your prayers as I deliberate between the two calls that I now hold; the call here at Mt Olive and the new call from St. John.

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Zibrowski"

From the family of Roger Holtz: Many sincere thanks for all of your thoughts, prayers, and financial gifts during Pastor Holtz's transplant. After an extended stay in the hospital, he is now settled at home in Kaukauna, WI. Though there is still a long road of recovery ahead, we thank God for His provision and for the support of so many Christian friends.

A "Grief Support" class is being planned. All those who would be interested in taking part are asked to contact the church office for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Softball Players: A sign-up sheet for the men's softball team is on the narthex table. The men's church league plays on Monday nights.

Planned Giving Update: At Mount Olive, we are blessed to have information, tools, an endowment fund, a trust fund, and also knowledgeable individuals connected to our church and school that can help you with the process of setting up a planned gift. To learn more, please pick up a planned giving brochure at the narthex table, or go to the Mount Olive webpage and look under the "Serving" tab. You could also mention your interest to our Mount Olive pastors, and they would be willing to direct you to the appropriate person to discuss setting up a planned gift for the church and school.

Honoring the Memory of our Military Personnel: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church wishes to recognize members' relatives who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and who are now deceased. If you have a relative or ancestor who served at any time dating back to the Revolution, we would like to publicly recognize and thank God for them over Memorial Day Weekend. Please submit information about them before Sunday, May 12, using forms available on the narthex table or online, by following the link on our website's banner at mtolivelutheran.org.



CrossTrain is Mt Olive's new Leadership Conference for Tweens. It will be held at Mt Olive on **Tuesday, June 25th** and **will focus on *Leadership through Service*. The tweens will learn leadership skills and will identify how they can use their natural gifts from God in order to serve Him and others.**

Teach an Elective – Registration Deadline is April 30th

Do you have a special talent, skill, interest or passion? This is an opportunity for you to share your God-given gifts with a group of 5th & 6th graders and to positively impact the future leaders of our Church and Community.

We want the kids to have an opportunity to explore a new hobby or enjoy an interest they already have – and – we want to give them a HUGE variety of options to choose from!

Anything goes! Acting, Baking, Cake/ Cookie Decorating, Crafts, Crocheting, Dodge ball, Drawing, Harmonica, Juggling, Knitting, Line Dancing, Magic Tricks, Painting, Percussion, Sewing, Sign Language, Singing, Skateboarding, Sports, Wood Working – just to name a few possibilities.

Elective sessions are 1 hour and you choose the time that works best for you.

To take part in this great opportunity, sign up by April 30th so we can include your class on the conference registration forms.

Visit **MtOliveLutheran.org/CrossTrain** to Register and for More Information.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30PM in Trinity Chapel: annual AGO recital by students from Bethany Lutheran College, Martin Luther College and Gustavus Adolphus College. This recital is sponsored by the local Sioux Trails American Guild of Organists.

Wednesday, April 24, at 7PM in Trinity Chapel: Spring Semester Honors Recital. Bethany students enrolled in private music lessons audition for the honor of performing at this recital. The recital is free; the public is cordially invited to attend.

Thursday, April 25, at 7PM in the YFAC Gallery: Student art show reception and award presentation.

Saturday, April 27, at 4PM in Trinity Chapel: From Age to Age Chamber Choir, directed by BLC alum Dr. Peter Durow, performs with the BLC concert choir. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

Sunday, April 28, at 4PM in Trinity Chapel: BLC Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra perform a concert featuring Edvard Grieg's piano concerto with soloist Sarah Wei. Pre-concert talk at 3:15PM by history major David Evans.

Notes From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

MVL summer sports camps offer area youth a fun opportunity to improve their fundamentals for the game and learn from MVL's own coaches and players. Visit mvl.org to download a registration form now through April 26 or pick up a form from the narthex table.

MVL's annual spring play is the classic musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Performances are Friday and Saturday, **May 3 and May 4**, at 7PM and Saturday, **May 5**, at 2PM. Several props are still needed for the play. Visit mvl.org/activities/drama/ to learn how you can help.

Happening at our Sister Synod

You are invited to a musical play "O Chicken of Little Faith" on **Sunday, April 28**, at 2PM at Trinity Lutheran Church of Smiths Mill, performed by the Trinity youth. Desserts will be served afterwards. Your donations will help support Trinity members Cody and Ingrid Spiess and their family. Cody has a very rare, non-treatable fatal disease. For more information, see the poster on the narthex bulletin board.