

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Easter 2/Confirmation Sunday – April 28, 2019 – 8:30 & 10:45AM

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. 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.

Explanation of the Week: *Today is Confirmation Sunday for us at Mt. Olive. This is the time where our young people make a public profession of the faith into which they have been baptized. Having learned the doctrines and teachings of the Bible throughout their childhood at home under their parents, in the church's Sunday School program, in Christian day schools, and primarily in the two years of intense catechism training, they now commit themselves before God to these teachings that they have learned. We accept them as mature Christians and now welcome them to receive Holy Communion. We come before God on their behalf in prayers that He might bless these young ones always—keeping them and preserving them in the one true faith. The readings and prayers for the day continue to share with us the joy of Easter, with the hope and comfort we have in knowing that "our Redeemer lives!" (Job 19:25-27) Yet in addition to this we acknowledge that this Good News of Jesus encourages us to live mature, Christian lives—that we might "grow up with the result being salvation." (1 Peter 2:1-9) Knowing that Christ is risen causes "our hearts to burn within us," causing us to likewise pray for ourselves, and our confirmands, "Stay with us!" (Luke 24:13-35)*

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. The service 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 356 *The Day of Resurrection*

~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)

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, 1; Mk 16:16, John 1:12)

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.

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

(ELH p. 44)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

~**Salutation** — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

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

(ELH p. 45; p. 155, #64)

P Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; 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

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 2:1-9 Therefore rid yourselves of all evil, all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all slander. Like newborn babies, crave the pure milk of the word so that by it you may grow up with the result being salvation. Certainly you have tasted that the Lord is good! As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame. Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall. Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own

possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-27 Now, on that same day, two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about all of these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing this, Jesus himself approached and began to walk along with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" Saddened, they stopped. One of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked them. They replied, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be condemned to death. And they crucified him. But we were hoping that he was going to redeem Israel. Not only that, but besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Also some women of our group amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning. When they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb. They found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." He said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and to enter his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

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 361 *Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Luke 24:28-35 As they approached the village where they were going, he acted as if he were going to travel farther. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, since it is almost evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he reclined at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and began giving it to them. Suddenly their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Then he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us along the road and while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?" They got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those who were with them assembled together. They were saying, "The Lord really has been raised! He has appeared to Simon." They themselves described what had happened along the road, and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

~Sermon Theme

"Stay With Us!"

~Prayers

~Offering & Hymn 563, vv. 1, 3, 5 *Abide with Us, the Day Is Waning*

*(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.)*

~Rite of Confirmation (2nd Service Only)

~Exhortation and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

~Confirmation Vows

~Blessing and Announcement of Confirmation Passage

~Welcome and Benediction

~Confirmation Prayer

~Hymn 319, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6 "Just As I Am", sung by the Confirmands

~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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH p. 58, II)

P: We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto 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.

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

~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 John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann

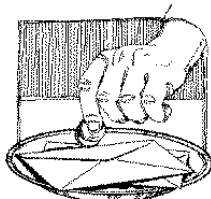
8th Grade Choir Director: Donna Fosburgh / Accompanist: John Baumann

HOLY WEEK ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE:

Maundy Thursday: 305/228; **Good Friday:** 231/178

Easter 1st Service: 336; **Easter 2nd Service:** 318/210

Monthly Giving Update:



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Given to the General Fund (Mar. 1-31)	\$79,844.26
Given to the Building Fund (Mar. 1-31)	<u>\$32,533.00</u>
Total Given (Mar. 1-31)	<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)	<u>\$620,796.00</u>
<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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *April 28, 2019—May 5, 2019*

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
Monday, April 29	6:30PM 7:15PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Board of Stewardship Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, April 30	8AM 1PM 7PM	Women’s Bible Study, Old Testament Book “Job” Mt. Olive Crafters M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, May 1	8:05AM 9AM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Study, “Portraits of Easter” Confirmation Classes CDS Spring Band Concert at Trinity Chapel
Thurs., May 2		
Fri., May 3		
Sat., May 4	9:45AM-3:15PM	New2You Volunteers
Sunday, May 5	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pick up your serving containers from the counter in the Fireside Room.

Our Spring Connect Group Season begins **this week** and ends 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 mtolivelutheran.org/connect.

Monday evening services resume tomorrow evening, **April 29**.

Call Announcement

“Dear Members of Mt Olive,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I have 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”

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.

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.

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.

Camp Indianhead Reminder: 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 (lgustavj77@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Happening at our Sister Synod

You are invited to a musical play “O Chicken of Little Faith” **today** 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.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Today 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.

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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.

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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.

For all other new announcements, including MVL and Bethany Lutheran updates, please pick up your copy of the May edition of the Olive Press today from the ushers.