

TRINITY 8

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 8:30 & 10 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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 (on the tables at the back of worship area). 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 worship area.

Explanation of the Week: *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15-23). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16-29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will know them by their fruits." The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12-17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27-38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit, namely the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.*

Order of Worship: Office of Prime

(Taken from page 108 in the black hymnal—
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))



(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 26, vv. 1, 2, 5 O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine**

~**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.

~**Psalm Hymn 500, vv. 1-4 O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry**

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 15:19-21 Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you," says

the Lord. "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:15-23 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

~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 438, vv. 1-5 *Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Romans 8:12-17 (NKJV) Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

~Sermon Message

“We Are Debtors of New Life in Christ”

I. Living for the flesh brings death.

II. In Christ we crucify our sinful works.

III. Our debt receives Christ's fortune.

~Offering and Hymn 438, vv. 6-9 *If Our Soul Can Find No Comfort*

*(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

~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.

~**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.

~**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 515, vv. 2, 3, 5 *Thine Forever, O How Blest***

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

(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Vicar Jacob Kempfert / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Pianists: 1st: Elisabeth Urtel / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st & 2nd Service: Mark & Michelle Graham, Ellie Fisher

**Ushers: 1st Service: Steve Beilke (captain), Jake Beilke,
Don Westphal, David Reagles**

**2nd Service: Mike Pleiss (captain), Nicholas Pleiss,
Keith Eisberg, Loren Halvorson, David Liverseed**

Offering Counters: Stacy Olson, Seth Tweit

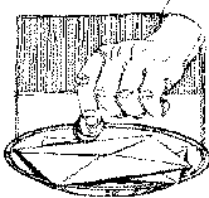
Altar Guild: Elyse Haugen, Terri Westphal

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 212/160; 10am, 165/112

Monday: 12/9

Monthly Giving Update:



A TIME FOR GIVING

Given to the General Fund (June 1-30)	\$63,841.28
Given to the Building Fund (June 1-30)	<u>\$8,615.55</u>
Total Given (June 1-30)	<u>\$72,456.83</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-June 30) (\$75,425/month x 12 months)	\$905,100.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-June 30)	<u>\$828,819.90</u>
Difference (Shortfall)	<u>(\$76,280.10)</u>

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019 Summary				2019/2020
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Budget
Income:				
Envelope Receipts	\$ 828,820	\$ 905,100	\$ (76,280)	\$ 970,168
Loose Receipts	\$ 18,498	\$ 23,050	\$ (4,552)	\$ 22,000
Tuition	\$ 488,373	\$ 479,558	\$ 8,815	\$ 530,349
Endowment				
Income	<u>\$ 5,100</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	<u>\$ 5,100</u>
Total Income	\$1,340,791	\$1,411,708	\$ (70,917)	\$1,527,617
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,379,740</u>	<u>\$1,411,703</u>	<u>\$ (31,963)</u>	\$1,527,617
Shortfall	\$ (38,949)	\$ 5	\$ (38,954)	\$ -

Romans 8:31, 32: What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

*To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "donate on line."
Or 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: August 11, 2019—August 18, 2019

Sunday, August 11	8:30AM 9:30AM 10AM	Services in Gym Divine Service Anthem Choir Rehearsal Divine Service No Coed Rec Volleyball
Monday, August 12	12:45-5:15PM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Mt. Olive Music Camp Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed Divine Service Church Council
Tuesday, August 13	12:45-5:15PM 8AM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM	Mt. Olive Music Camp Women’s Bible Study Mt. Olive Crafters Back-to-School Night (Grades 7-8) M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, August 14	9AM 12:45-5:15PM 5:30PM	Bible Study Mt. Olive Music Camp Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed
Thursday, August 15	12:45-5:15PM 7PM	Church Newsletter Deadline Mt. Olive Music Camp Bible Journaling Connect Group
Friday, August 16	12:45-5:15PM 5:15PM 5:30PM	Mt. Olive Music Camp Family Music Fest Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed
Saturday, August 17	8AM 5PM	Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed Board Game Night/Potluck/Bonfire, at Hislop’s
Sunday, August 18	8:30AM 10:45AM	Back Home in Our Sanctuary! Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion: note change in service time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Art & Teri Westphal.

The Summer Worship Schedule ends today, and service times return to 8:30AM & 10:45AM on Sunday, **August 18.** Sunday School, Bible study, and Bible information classes resume on Sunday, September 8, at 9:40AM between services.

Building Project Updates:

Progress - as of August 8:

1. Volunteers have painted the altar guild room, new storage rooms and the hallway from the Marsh Street doors to the gymnasium.
2. The baseboard and chair rail pieces for the new addition have been stained but they cannot be installed until the protective wall covering for the lower portion of the wall is installed.
3. Carpeting is being installed in the new office suite and altar guild room.
4. The kindergarten classroom is waiting for the final inspection so that everything can be put into place.
5. The wood ceiling of the new narthex should be installed soon. It will be stained to match the wood ceiling of the sanctuary as closely as possible.
6. Cabinets and permanent fixtures have been installed in the office suite and new bathrooms.
7. Exterior brickwork is nearing completion.

Help Wanted – For Moving Back Into Our Sanctuary

Monday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m. – Vacuum, scrub and clean floors in sanctuary, wipe down chancel area, clean stained glass window and all woodwork.

Tuesday, August 13 – floor drying time.

Wednesday, August 14, at 5:30 p.m. – Apply two coats of floor sealer to aggregate floor.

Thursday, August 15 – floor drying time.

Friday, August 16, at 5:30 p.m. – Move pews, pulpit, altar, etc. back to sanctuary. Take down items in the gym.

Saturday, August 17, at 8 a.m. – Fine-tune and prepare for services.

Sunday, August 18 – Back in the sanctuary for services at **8:30 and 10:45 a.m.**

Anthem Rehearsal/Singing: A group of younger and older folks will be singing an anthem for the Sunday, **August 18**, service. There's one more practice after the first service today.

Could you provide snacks for Mt. Olive's Music Camp on **August 12-16**? Bakers, buyers, and servers are all appreciated. Sign up on the table in the narthex. Contact Marie MacPherson if you have questions. Thank you.

Everyone is welcome to join Music Camp for "Family Music Feast": dinner, music, and dancing on Friday, **August 16**, in the gym, from 5:15 to 8:30PM. Hot sandwiches will be provided; bring a side dish or dessert. Entertainment will be provided by students showcasing skills they have learned over the week. Finally, WELS Pastor Ken Nelson will be leading us all in folk dancing accompanied by the Halvorson family band! See the August issue of the *Olive Press* for more details. Please RSVP to Marie at mmacpher@blc.edu or 625-3978 so she can get an accurate count for food and seating.

Family Game Night will be hosted in Mapleton by the Hislop family on Saturday, **August 17**, at 5PM. The Hislops are going to have a bonfire and games available to play. Bring a potluck dish or kid-friendly beverage to share. Everyone is welcome to join us; their address is 206 Smith St. NW, Mapleton, MN 56065.

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool announces its Back-to-School Picnic on Tuesday, **August 20**, from 6-8PM. Families are welcome to come to this final registration for preschool and to enjoy a picnic supper. Some spots in the M/W/F afternoon session are still available. Volunteers are needed to help with the picnic. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at Peace's kitchen for those who would like to bring food, serve, work the registration table, set-up tables, cook s'mores, hotdogs and more. Call Joslyn at 385-7752 for more information.

Confirmation classes for public and home school students entering 7th and 8th grade this fall will begin on Wednesday, **August 28**, at 4PM. **Parents:** if you didn't receive an informational letter this past week about the classes, please contact the church office (507-345-4966).

Pastor Petersen is currently visiting our congregations, pastors and humanitarian workers in Ukraine, the Czech Republic, and Latvia. He will be conducting the wedding of two recent BLC graduates and taking part in the Sunday services in Latvia. Pastor and Joyce are scheduled to return, God willing, on August 19.

Please complete our Time & Talents survey. Go to Mt. Olive's web site, or pick up a paper copy from the table at the back of the worship center.

Mid-year giving statements are on a table at the back of the worship area. The Finance Board would like you to verify that your address is correct and that your donations are being accurately recorded so that corrections can be made now before the end of the tax year.

The new church directories have arrived and are on a table at the back of the worship area; pick up your copy today.

Encourage One Another will not meet during the month of August. Their next meeting is Sunday, September 1.

Meals for the Kempferts: There are still plenty of spots available to bring a meal to the Kempferts. To sign up, go to <https://mealtrain.com/64dmyq>, or contact Karla Reagles at karla.reagles@blc.edu. Thank you to all who have helped so far.

The New 2 You Thrift Store is open for business despite the construction project you see on Commerce Drive. The road signs and access change frequently, but the City of North Mankato has guaranteed that access will be available throughout the construction process. Please continue to shop at New 2 You throughout the summer and bring your donations to the back door of the store as usual. New 2 You is located at 1838 Commerce Dr. in North Mankato. The store is open from 9:30AM-5PM weekdays and 10AM-3PM on Saturdays.

Missing Items: The office has a collection of single earrings and a key. If you've lost an earring, you're welcome to bring the loner to the office in hopes of finding the mate--or call the office and describe it. The singles will be sent to New 2 You on September 7.

Save your beverage tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. A container is available in the After School Care room.

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.

On the table at the back of the worship area are **copies of** the Time & Talents Survey and the Mt. Olive Annual Report; **sign-up sheets** for New2You volunteers and Music Camp snacks & servers; the **July edition of *Mission News & Helping Hands***; **August editions of** the ELS *President's Newsletter* and the *Olive Press*; and the **June 2-August 31 issue of *Meditations Daily Devotional***.

Updates from Mt. Olive Christian Day School:

Tuesday, **August 13: Back to School Night, Grades 7-8**, 6:30PM.

Wednesday, **August 21: Registration Night for All Grades**. Last names beginning A-L are at 6:30PM, and last names beginning M-Z are at 7:15PM. All packet forms are due that night.

Sunday, **August 25:**

- **Installation/rededication of school faculty** during the second service (10:45AM).
- **School picnic** at noon in the parking lot. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please visit the Mt. Olive website to sign up.

Monday, **August 26: First day of school**, 8AM.

Volunteer volleyball coaches are needed for the school's 4th grade volleyball team this fall. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:30 to 5:30PM, with times to be determined by when coaches are available. The 4th grade teams will play most of their matches on Saturday mornings. If you are interested, contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org. Thank you.

Interested in coaching soccer? At least two volunteer soccer coaches are also needed for the school's soccer program; we are hoping to have an upper grades squad and a lower grades squad this fall. Practices will be from 2:30 to 5:30PM at Mt. Olive on Mondays and Thursdays, with times to be determined by when coaches are available. We are in two tournaments in September and play matches during the week, usually on practice nights. If you are interested, contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org. Thank you.

Do you have soccer and volleyball items that your child has outgrown but are still in good condition? A table will be set up in the gym on Wednesday, **August 21** (School Registration Night), for shoes, shin guards, or knee pads that other beginning players could use. Items may be brought to Mt. Olive before this date and given to Mr. Z., or they may be brought in that night.