

~Trinity 3~
Sunday, June 28, 2020

~ Hymn 27, vv. 1, 4 *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*

*1. O Holy Spirit, enter in
And in our hearts Thy work begin,
Thy temple deign to make us.
Sun of the soul, Thou Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us.
That we To Thee Truly living,
To Thee giving Prayer unceasing,
Still may be in love increasing.*

*4. Left to ourselves we shall but stray;
O lead us in the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us;
And give us steadfastness that we
May ever faithful prove to Thee,
Whatever woes betide us.
Lord, now Heal Thou All hearts broken;
And betoken Thou art near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(Matt 28:19)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Prayer of Confession**

(p. 158 Collect #81)

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father: We poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing, and that, left to ourselves, we die and perish in sin, since that which is born of flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. But we pray that You would grant us Your grace and mercy, and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that being regenerate we may firmly believe the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in baptism, and that we may daily increase in Christian love and in other good works, until we at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same 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.

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Men's Choir "Psalm 51a"

(CW p. 86)

Refrain: Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.

*Have mercy on me, O God,
According to your unfailing love*

*Wash away all my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.*

Refrain: Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.

*Against you, you only, have I sinned
And done what is evil in your sight.*

*Surely I was sinful at birth,
Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

*Hide your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquity.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Refrain: Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.

~Old Testament Lesson

Micah 7:18-20 Who is a God like you, who forgives guilt,
and who passes over the rebellion of the survivors from his inheritance?
He does not hold onto his anger forever.
He delights in showing mercy.
He will have compassion on us again.
He will overcome our guilty deeds.
You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea.
You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham,
as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 5:6-11 Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world. After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 46)

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.

~Hymn 426, vv. 1-3 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

*1. Jesus sinners doth receive;
O may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

*2. We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

*3. Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

~Gospel & Sermon Text

Luke 15:1-10 All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

He told them this parable: "Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in

heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

~Sermon Message

Joy Among the Angels

1. *Because the Lord goes looking for the lost.*
2. *Because He finds those who are lost.*

~ Hymn 426, vv. 6-8 *O How Blest It Is To Know*

6. *O how blest it is to know,
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter Passion,
For these words I now believe—
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

7. *Now my conscience is at peace,
From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release
And my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve—
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

8. *Jesus sinners doth receive.
Also I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave—
Jesus sinners doth receive.*

~Special Prayers & Petitions

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 158 #87)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we all like sheep have gone astray, having allowed ourselves to be led away from the right path by Satan and our own sinful flesh. We beseech You graciously to forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ; and enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in Your Word, and in true repentance and a steadfast faith continue in Your Church unto the end, and obtain eternal salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~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.

~**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.**

~ **Hymn 595 *Peace to Sooth Our Bitter Woes***

1. *Peace to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
With His holy, precious blood;
Peace in Him for sinners found,
Is the Gospel's joyful sound.*

2. *Peace to us the Church doth tell,
'Tis her welcome and farewell:
Peace was our baptismal dow'r,
Peace shall bless our dying hour;
Peace be with you, full and free,
Now and through eternity.*

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$5,058.27 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 5/31/20): \$69,640.

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?

Dear Mt. Olive Family & Friends: Due to the concerns for public health during this COVID-19 pandemic, and respecting the advisement of our governmental agencies, we have moved to providing DIGITAL WORSHIP SERVICES. You can find these on our website and on our local TV station, KTV.

Please know that our church leadership is continuing to look for the best possible ways to serve you with Word and Sacrament. Please bear with us in this process. If you are in need of Pastoral Care or would like to receive the Lord's Supper we are here to minister to you and desire to do so.

You may contact our office at (507) 345-4966.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE". Or TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate. Or Mail your offering to the church office.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Sandy Johnson in loving memory of Orville & Mary Sampson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Service Time Change

Worship service times will be 8:30am and 10am.

Annual Voter's Meeting TODAY Sunday, June 28 at 11am.

Helpers Needed Tomorrow Monday, June 29th starting at 9am carpeting will be removed from the Sehloff house in preparation for the Ulrich's move. If you are willing and able to help please come to 1122 Anderson Drive. Painting of interior walls will also occur at a later date. Watch for further updates!

Mt. Olive will be participating in the Eagle Lake Tater Days parade.

This year the parade is on **Saturday, July 18 at 1pm**. Line up begins at 12:30 on Creekside Drive. Please park in the Eagle Lake school parking lot. Don't forget to wear your favorite Mt. Olive shirt! We have a limited number of spaces available. Sign up early!

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool is continuing to give tours and will accept registration from families who desire preschool for their child, for the 2020-2021 school year. We are eager to serve your family. We prepare children for Kindergarten with a Christ-centered curriculum. The Bible story is at the center of our day and from there we teach children about God's wonderful world and His great love for all people. If you would like to hear more about our preschool, please contact Joslyn at joslynmoldstad@gmail.com for more information.

Open Positions at MVL

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking to fill two positions: 1. A part-time custodian(s) to work 25 hours per week. For more information contact Ken Opitz at MVL at 507-354-6851 or kopitz@mvlhs.org. 2. A part-time food service worker for approximately three hours each school day. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Elizabeth Fluegge at MVL at 507-354-6851, 507-993-5195, or foodservice@mvlhs.org.



M.O.M.S Park Playdates Now that the parks have opened up, the M.O.M.s study group will begin its summer park playdates. **All** are welcome to join us. Park playdates are come and go from **9-12pm on Thursdays**. You are welcome to pack a lunch and picnic if you like. Thursdays in July, we will be at Sibley Park. Park playdates are a chance to get the kids out to play, and the parents to connect with other Christian parents. If raining, the playdate is cancelled. We hope to see you there! Questions? Email Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com

Summer Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible Study Opportunity Continues! The M.O.M.s summer evening study will continue through the summer months starting **Tuesday, June 16th**. They meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the library at Mt. Olive. They will be studying the book of Galatians. Study materials will be provided, just bring a Bible and writing utensil. If you would like more information please contact Thalia Londgren at thalia.pollard@blc.edu. All moms welcome at any time!



Annual Meeting of New 2 You Family Thrift Store has been rescheduled to **Monday, July 27th at 5:00 pm** and will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in North Mankato. Members of all association churches are welcome to attend the meeting.

Job Opening for Assistant Manager at New 2 You Family Thrift Store in North Mankato, under the direction of the general manager. This 25 hour a week is perfect for someone who enjoys the challenges and opportunities of working with a small staff, and a large group of volunteers. Responsibilities include everything, but not limited to, accepting and prioritizing donations, merchandising items on the sales floor, pricing and sorting items, store maintenance, sales desk, and more. Profits from the store support Christian education in our community including MVL and all the schools and preschools of the 5-member association. We are searching for someone with a servant heart to help us support Christian education. If you would like an application, please contact Donna Prahll pdprahl@hickorytech.net or 507-382-1317. If you have any questions about this position, please contact your church board members Emily Goetzke 507-345-8344 or Beth Westphal 507-382-4315.

ELS Military Monument:

In our world today our veterans are receiving the honor, help, and recognition they deserve; much like our WWII veterans received when they returned home to the United States. We in the ELS highly value those members and neighbors who have served and are still serving us valiantly in their willingness to protect our lives and freedoms. As we again celebrate the birth of our nation this Fourth of July, we are presented with the opportunity to remember how our nation won its freedom and reflect on those who fought to earn it. It is also an opportunity to show our appreciation by supporting the ELS Military Monument to be constructed on our Bethany Lutheran College campus. As you prepare to celebrate Independence Day 2020, we urge you to support this important mission of our church body by donating to the ELS Military Monument project. For details of this project and ways to donate please visit our ELS website (www.els.org, go to the "About" heading and click on Military Monument). Thank you.

A Special Thanks

Marv & Pat Meyer would like to thank everyone who sent cards for their 60th Wedding Anniversary. It meant so much to them and made them feel loved from so many members at Mt Olive. THANK YOU!