

~Trinity 4~
Sunday, July 5, 2020

~Hymn 205, vv. 1, 3, 7 *If Thou But Trust in God*

1. *If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.*

3. *Only be still, and wait His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And all-discerning love have sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.*

7. *Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
So do thine own part faithfully,
And trust His Word, though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.*

~**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 67"

(CW p. 91)

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

*May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us;*

*may your ways be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.*

*May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.*

Refrain: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

*Then the land will yield its harvest,
and God, our God, will bless us.*

*God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.*

***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: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

~Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:18-23 For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:36-42 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you."

He also told them a parable: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Won't they both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? Or how can you tell your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck in your eye,' when you do not see the beam in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck in your brother's eye."

~**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 519, vv. 1-3** *What God Ordains*

*1. What God ordains is always good:
His will abideth holy.
As He directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed
In ev'ry need
Doth well know how to shield me;
To Him, then, I will yield me.*

*2. What God ordains is always good:
He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His own right way,
And never will He leave me.
I take content
What He hath sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.*

*3. What God ordains is always good:
His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup
That my Physician sends me.
My God is true;
Each morn anew
I'll trust His grace unending,
My life to Him commending.*

~**Sermon Text**

Genesis 50:15-21 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

~**Sermon Message**

"We Can Trust that God is Just"

~Hymn 519, vv. 4-6 *What God Ordains*

*4. What God ordains is always good:
He is my Friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm,
Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know
Both joy and woe;
Some day I shall see clearly
That He hath loved me dearly.*

*5. What God ordains is always good:
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief
God grants relief,
My heart with comfort filling
And all my sorrow stilling.*

*6. What God ordains is always good:
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm,
For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.*

~Special Prayers & Petitions

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

(ELH p. 45; p. 159 #89)

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father: You are merciful, and through Christ promised us that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive us all our sins, and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You would establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge nor condemn others, but willingly forgive all, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

~Men's Choir "God Bless Our Native Land"

(ELH Hymn 602)

1. God bless our native land!
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night!
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2. For her our prayer shall rise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry,
God save the State!

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$25,128.74 (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 Art & Terri Westphal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Service Time Change

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

Mt. Olive will be participating in the Eagle Lake Tater Days parade on Sat, July 18.

Line up begins at 12noon on Creekside Drive, with the parade beginning at 1pm. Please park in the Eagle Lake School parking lot. We will unload there afterwards. Please wear your Mt. Olive apparel! To sign up, call or email the church office 507-345-4966 Church@mtolivelutheran.org. Hope to see you there!

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.

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! 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 Prah 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.

URGENT NEED from the Board for World Outreach has been informed of an urgent need in our Peru field. Due to the coronavirus epidemic, many people in Peru have lost their jobs. As a result, many of the parents of the students in our two schools are unable to pay the tuition for their children.

The teachers in the two schools, Jesús Redentor and Martin Lutero, depend upon those tuition payments for their support. Pastor Jaime Cortez informs us that the teachers in the two schools have not been paid since early March and are facing great difficulty in providing food for their families.

The BWO is sending about \$20,000 to help meet the salary needs for the teachers in the two schools. If any congregations or individual members of the ELS would like to help with this urgent need, please send such offerings to the BWO at 6 Browns Ct, Mankato, MN 56001 with a notation that it is for "Peru teacher salary relief" in Peru. Or go to www.els.org/donate, choose one of the "Other" categories and specify that the gift is for "Peru teacher salary relief".

We remember what St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "Now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them."