

~Trinity 5~
Sunday, July 12, 2020

~Hymn 202 *Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

1. *Thou, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!*

2. *Thou who didst come to bring,
On Thy redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh now, to all mankind
Let there be light!*

3. *Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Spreading the beams of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!*

4. *Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light!*

~**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.

~Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 16:14-21 Nevertheless, listen to this. The days are coming, declares the Lord, when people will no longer say, "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the children of Israel out from the land of Egypt." But they will say, "As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the children of Israel out from the land in the north and from all the lands to which he exiled them." For I will restore them to the homeland I gave to their fathers.

Look, I am sending for many fishermen, declares the Lord, and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt for them on every mountain, on every high hill, and in the crevices of the rocks. My eyes are watching everything they do. It is not hidden from me, nor is their guilt hidden from my eyes. But first I will pay them double for their guilt and their sin, because they defiled my land with the carcasses of their disgusting idols, and they have filled my inheritance with their abominations.

The Lord is my strength and my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble.
Nations will come to you from the ends of the earth and say,
"Our forefathers possessed only false gods,
worthless idols, and there was nothing good in them.
Can a man make gods for himself?
Yes, but they are not gods!"

Therefore I will certainly teach them.
This time I will teach them my power and my strength,
and then they will know that my name is the Lord.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:8-15 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another. Show sympathy, brotherly love, compassion, and humility. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. Instead, speak a blessing, because you were called for the purpose of inheriting a blessing. Indeed:

Let the one who wants to love life
and to see good days
keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from saying anything deceitful.
Let him turn from evil and do what is good.
Let him seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their requests.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

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 201, vv. 1-5 *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

1. *Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.*

2. *Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world, and keeps it still,
How His only Son He gave,
Man from sin and death to save.*

3. *Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.*

4. *Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us up to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.*

5. *Word of life, most pure and strong,
Lo, for Thee the nations long;
Spread, till from its dreary night
All the world awakes to light.*

~Gospel & Sermon Text

Luke 5:1-11 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

~Sermon Message

The Great Fisherman

1. *Jesus is the great Fisherman who goes where the fish are.*
2. *He draws them to Himself by a miracle.*
3. *He puts them to work catching others.*

~Hymn 199, vv. 1,4 *Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations*

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| <i>1. Rise, Thou Light of Gentile nations,
Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
Let Thy Word, the gladsome tidings,
Ring out loudly near and far,
Bringing freedom to the captives,
Peace and comfort to the slave,
That the heathen, free from bondage,
May proclaim Thy pow'r to save.</i> | <i>4. Knowing Thee and Thy salvation,
Grateful love dare never cease
To proclaim Thy tender mercies,
Gracious Lord, Thy heav'nly peace.
Sound we forth the Gospel tidings
To the earth's remotest bound
That the sinner has been pardoned
And forgiveness can be found.</i> |
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~Special Prayers & Petitions

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 159 #90)

P: O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we may love You above all things, and lead us, by faith, to Your eternal promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

~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 588 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

1. Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
May Thy presence, may Thy presence,
With us evermore be found.

3. So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: John Baumann

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$19,201.48 (includes text & on-line giving)
Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 6/30/20): \$68,110.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: July 12, 2020 - July 19, 2020

Sunday, July 12	8:30AM 10AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Mon., July 13	5:15PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Board of Parish Ed & Youth Divine Service w/Holy Communion Church Council via ZOOM
Tues., July 14	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wed, July 15		
Thurs., July 16	9AM-12PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study Park Playdate, Sibley Park
Fri., July 17		
Sat, July 18	1PM	Eagle Lake Tator Days Parade (volunteers meet at 12pm)
Sunday, July 19	8:30AM 10AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Still looking for Volunteers for the Eagle Lake Tator 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!



Blood Drive

Mount Olive hosts a blood drive on **Friday, August 7 from 1:00-6:00 PM**. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO. 1 pint can save 3 lives!

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. It is also an opportunity to show our appreciation by supporting the ELS Military Monument to be constructed on our Bethany Lutheran College campus. 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.

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@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.

Two positions are now available at New 2 You Family Thrift Store in North Mankato.

We have an opportunity for a **Store Manager** at 32-40 hours a week, and an **Assistant Manager** at 25 hours a week, under the direction of the general manager. Both positions are perfect for someone who enjoys the challenges and opportunities of working with a small staff, and a large group of volunteers. Responsibilities include, 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."

MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2020-21 Officers and Board Members

(Year noted by name indicates term expiration in June of that year)

(Information current as of July 2020)

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DELEGATES TO SYNOD CONVENTION

Occurs year of term in June (1 year term)
Herman Harstad 2021
Paul Tweit 2021

DELEGATES TO MVL (1 year term)

Peter Bloedel 2021
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