

~Trinity 6~
Sunday, July 19, 2020

~Hymn 26, vv. 1, 3 *O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine*

1. *O Holy Ghost, Thou gift divine,
And giver of all blessing,
Thou, with the Father and the Son,
True Godhead art possessing,
And from them both art shed abroad,
Eternal Spirit, Lord and God,
In Thee all Christians glory.*

3. *Our hearts let new created be,
Our walk make pure and holy.
Help us offense and sin to flee,
And ever serve God solely,
So that our faith in Christ, our Lord,
May prove itself in deed and word
Before the world about 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.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Exodus 20:1-17 Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. You shall have no other gods beside me. You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the Lord your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the Lord blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the Lord your God is giving to you.

You shall not commit murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

~Epistle Lesson

Romans 6:3-11 Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

~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 429, vv. 1, 2 *Chief of Sinners*

1. *Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His and He is mine.*

2. *O the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous thought!—
Found me when I sought Him not.*

~Gospel & Sermon Text

Mark 9:30-37 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

~Sermon Message

"Earning God's Respect"

1. *We can't earn God's respect for ourselves.*
2. *His respect for us is a pure gift.*
3. *By our treatment of others, we demonstrate that we have God's respect.*

~Hymn 432, vv. 1, 4 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

1. *Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.*

4. *Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.*

~Special Prayers & Petitions

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

(ELH p. 45; p. 159 #93)

P: Lord, God, heavenly Father, we confess that we are poor, wretched sinners, and that there is no good in us; our hearts, flesh and blood being so corrupted by sin that we are never in this life without sinful lusts and desires. Therefore we beseech You, dear Father, forgive us these sins, and let Your Holy Spirit so cleanse our hearts that we may desire and love Your Word, abide by it, and thus by Your grace be forever saved; 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 432, vv. 8, 10, 11 *Jesus, Be Endless Praise to Thee*

8. *Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.*

10. *Thou God of pow'r, Thou God of love,
Let the whole world Thy mercy prove!
Now let Thy Word o'er all prevail!
Now take the spoils of death and hell.*

11. *O let the dead hear now Thy voice!
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice!
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.*

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel*

The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Caroline Lee.

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$11,969.27 (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 also offer our WORSHIP SERVICES 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 19, 2020 - July 26, 2020

Sunday, July 19	8:30AM 10AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Mon., July 20	6:30PM 7:15PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Stewardship
Tues., July 21	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wed, July 22		
Thurs., July 23	9AM-12PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study Park Playdate, Sibley Park
Fri., July 24		
Sat, July 25		
Sunday, July 26	8:30AM 10AM	Divine Service Divine Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed We are looking for any willing volunteers to help Pastor Ulrich and family get moved into the new church parsonage on **Saturday, July 25th starting at 8am.**



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!

We are still selling Kwik Trip Cards!

If you are in the market for KwikTrip Cards, send Rebecca Strom an email at MNstroms@gmail.com or text at 507-720-8051 and let her know your name, how many cards you want and what increments. You can then leave your check with the secretaries in the office. Rebecca will stop by the office once a week to organize the cards. You can then pick up your cards at your convenience the following week, during Mt. Olive open office hours. We currently have \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 values. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Rebecca. Thank you for your continued support!

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 Prahl 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.