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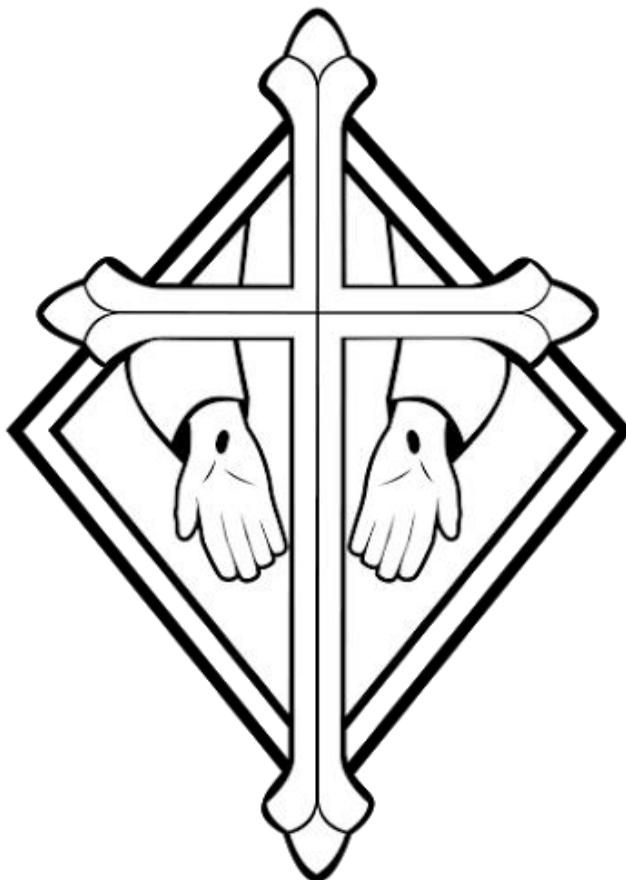
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Easter 2

Sunday,

April 3, 2016

8:30 & 10:45am



Easter 2

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. 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 sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week:

"There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood." (1 Jn 5:4-10) These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and the side from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:19-31) His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life. (Ezek 37:1-14) Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41)

~Opening Prayer (p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

~Hymn 366 vv. 1-4 *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

~Confession of Sin (pp. 41-42, form II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~**Kyrie Eleison** (pp. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**Absolution** (p. 43, form II)

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.

~**Canticle, Hymn 359 vv. 1, 2, 4** *This Is the Feast*

~**Salutation** (p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** (p. 45)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the holy Gospel, and have instituted the holy Sacraments, that though these we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~Epistle Lesson

1 John 5:4-12 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

~Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-29 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to

you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

~**Hymn 483 v. 8 *Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters***

~**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (p. 133)

First Service: *Joel Gregory Sulzle*

Second Service: *Hannah Mae Kotila*

~**Hymn 366 vv. 5-10 *When Thomas Afterwards Had Heard***

~**Homily Text**

John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

~**Homily**

"Growing & Persevering in the Easter Faith"

~**Prayer**

~**Offering & Hymn 361 *Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven***

* **Holy Communion:** *This morning the confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~**Exhortation** (pp. 52-53)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of

Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~**Lord's Prayer** (p. 53)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Words of Institution** (p. 54)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~**Agnus Dei** (p. 55)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the

world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

Hymn 310 vv. 1-4 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Hymn 73 *Thine Is the Glory*

Hymn 310 vv. 5-8 *Mighty Victim from the Sky*

Hymn 354 vv. 5-8 *Thou Hast Died for My Transgression*

~Dismissal (p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving (p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C: ♪ Amen.**

~Benediction (pp. 56-57)

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.

~Closing Hymn 532 vv. 2, 3 *Jesus, My Redeemer Lives*

~Closing Prayer (p. 57)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John J. Petersen
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Easter Sunday: 7:30am; 333 10am; 250/158

Maundy Thursday: 278/173; Good Friday: 214/172

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$13,397.35

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,500

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: David Norris (captain), Ryan Buch,
Kyle Buch, Dan Gerdts

2nd Service: Bill Bohning (captain), Daniel Neubauer, Mark Olson,
Scott Pithan, Taylor Pithan, Ethan Pithan

Greeters: 1st Service: Ernie & Marge Lillo,
Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger,
James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Sharon Madson

WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 3, 2016 - April 10, 2016

Sunday April 3	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Information Class Kingdom Workers Presentation Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 4	6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday April 5	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study - Books of Acts Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday April 6	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 7PM	M.O.M.'s Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study - "How We Got the Bible" Confirmation Choir
Thursday April 7		
Friday April 8		
Saturday April 9	9AM-12PM	Spring Clean-Up Day
Sunday April 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5-7PM 7:30PM	<i>Boys' & Girls' Choirs Sing</i> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Information Class Open Forum Divine Service Lutheran Girl Pioneers Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory and in celebration of Claire's baptism by Kevin & Cheryl Chapman and family.

Baptisms: *Joel Gregory Sulzle*, infant son of Dave & Katie Sulzle was born on March 27, 2016 here in Mankato, and his sponsors are Craig & Tina Breinling.

Hannah Mae Kotila, infant daughter of Brian & Michelle Kotila was born on March 12, 2016 in Mankato. Her sponsors are Ben & Morgan Frederickson.

Also baptized here at Mt. Olive on April 2 was ***Claire Etta Chapman***, infant daughter of Kevin & Cheryl Chapman. She was born on March 10, 2016 in Mankato, and her sponsors are Jody Wilhelm, Paul Trahms, Clayton Bobbs, and Erica Chapman.

We rejoice that through this washing of regeneration, these little ones are received into God's Kingdom of Grace. May they grow in Christ and be blessed through this Sacrament.

Thank You for your generous donations to the Sr. Youth Group's Easter Breakfast! Your donations of food and money are greatly appreciated. Over \$800 was raised to help our Youth attend LYA in Dallas, TX this July.

An Open Forum Meeting is scheduled for **April 10** in between services to which everyone is invited. (This takes the place of a quarterly Voters' meeting.) Is there something at Mt. Olive you'd like to know more about? Is there a topic you'd like addressed? If you have input on topics we should cover at this inaugural Open Forum, please contact Mike Smith at mksmith@blc.edu or [507-351-4630](tel:507-351-4630).

Monday Night Services: Our Monday night services will resume tomorrow, April 4th.

Boys' & Girls' Choirs: The Boys' & Girls' Choirs (grades 5-8) will be singing at the beginning of **both services on Sunday, April 10th**. Children should meet the directors at 8:15 in the social hall. . All students will be dismissed after singing in the second service.

The annual SPRING CLEAN UP DAY is scheduled for **April 9** (with a rain date of April 16). This will include both inside and outside cleaning. Start time will be 9 AM. Your help is appreciated.

New Member Sunday: Please join us in welcoming our newest members to Mt. Olive on Sunday, April 17. There will be no Bible class that day as there will be a reception in the social hall between services.

Softball Coach(es): We will be in need of a softball coach(es) for this year's softball season at Mt Olive. Practice times are after school and the days will depend on the availability of our softball coach. Practice is held at Washington School's softball field. We have one tournament on Tuesday, May 17 at Caswell Park beginning at 9:00 AM. We usually also play two pick up games at MVL before the tournament. The dates have not been set yet. Coaches are required to pitch to their own team. If interested please contact Mr Zibrowski at mrz@mtlivelutheran.org Thank You.

Camp Indianhead is scheduled for **July 10-15** at Luther Island Camp, and is open to youth ages 11-16. The cost per camper is \$275. Register online at: islandcamp.org (scroll down and click on our logo, then click "create new parent") or ask the church office for registration and health forms. ***Families are encouraged to reserve bus seats early for their camper(s).*** Reservations made by **May 8, 2016** cost \$30 per camper, and \$45 per camper after. The bus holds 35 passengers, so please email or call Lance Johnson with the names of your camper(s) at: lgustavj77@gmail.com or [507-720-2130](tel:507-720-2130). We appreciate and thank Lance for serving our campers and families in this way!

Sr. Youth Group: Start gearing up for this year's trip to Dallas, TX with the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) on **July 28-31, 2016**. The convention's theme this year is, "Two Kingdoms". ***Go to: els.org/lya2016 to register. The cost is \$250 before May 1st, or \$300 after.*** We have reserved up to three buses to leave from Mankato, MN on Wednesday, July 27th at 3PM, and return on Monday, August 1st by late-morning. (You will be notified of the cost soon! ***Please note that this cost IS SEPARATE than the cost of the LYA convention.***) Any questions? Contact Lance Johnson, or Peter or Sarah Bloedel.

New 2 You Volunteer Appreciation/Annual Meeting: As our way of giving thanks for your unwavering support throughout the year we are holding our Volunteer Appreciation/ Annual Meeting on April 24th at St. Paul's Church, North Mankato. Your efforts combine to help us with our goal of supporting Christian education. Thank You! Please join us for dessert and conversation from 2-4PM.

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455). ***~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.***

Mt. Olive School Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Krista Petzel krista.petzel@gmail.com.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Booster Club Auction: The MVL Booster Club Annual Auction is **TODAY, April 3**. Hundreds of items will once again be available. 11AM starts off with lunch and viewing; 1PM is the live auction. Please come and support the curricular and co-curricular activities of our school and students.

Bethany Lutheran College

Gospel Outreach with Media: Join the discussion online! This online conference, sponsored by *The Christ in Media Institute* at Bethany Lutheran College will include sessions by WELS and ELS presenters on: using technology to publicize your church, school, or website; streaming worship in world languages; moving the gospel from cell-phone to cell-phone worldwide; teaching basic Christianity across cultures using technology; Christian writing for the (small and large) screen; engaging school children in world missions using media; and much more! This online discussion is active until **Sunday, April 10**. Go to GOWM.org to participate.

Bethany Lutheran College has an opening for a Director of Accounting and Audit:

The Director of Accounting and Audit oversees day-to-day accounts payable/receivable and payroll activities as well as year-end audit and financial statement preparation. This responsibility includes working collaboratively with the Finance team to maintain the books and records of the organization and assist in the monthly close process and financial reports. Specific responsibilities include processing accounting transactions, reconciling general ledger accounts, preparing financial reports, performing various accounting functions, preparing monthly payroll, and preparing audit documentation. The Director of Accounting and Audit supervises the staff assigned to perform the

payroll and accounts payable activities of the department. Interested candidates may request a more detailed job description at hr@blc.edu. More information is also available in the church office.

Position Available: The Business Office has an immediate opening for an Accounts Payable Clerk / Receptionist, a part-time support staff position. More information is available by contacting Paulette Tonn Booker at Bethany Lutheran College: Paulette.TonnBooker@blc.edu

Bethany Lutheran College invites applications for two Resident Hall Coordinator positions with a start date of July 1, 2016. Possible responsibilities and job duties are outlined in the position description available in the church office; assigned duties and responsibilities will be finalized upon hire. For additional information about the resident hall coordinator positions, contact Dr. Ted Manthe, Vice President of Student Affairs (tmanthe@blc.edu; 507-344-7745). Send a cover letter, résumé, academic transcripts (may be unofficial), and contact information for three current professional references to: Human Resources Office Bethany Lutheran College 700 Luther Drive Mankato, MN 56001 Application deadline: March 31, 2016 Interviews will be held the week of April 4, 2016.

TODAY, April 3 at 3:00 pm in Trinity Chapel - The Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble, directed by Dr. Amy Roisum-Foley, performs a spring concert. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm in the YFAC Gallery - Bethany art majors Anna Heimbigner, Cammy Schultze, Ivy Heintz, Sarah Rehbein, and Triah Meyer present their senior show titled *Perceptions of Humanity*. The gallery talk and reception will take place in the gallery of the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, free and open to the public. This senior art exhibition will be on display from April 1-12.

Saturday, April 9 at 3:00 pm in Trinity Chapel - Soprano Emily F. Dworak performs her senior voice recital. Free and open to the public, with refreshments to follow.

Sunday, April 10 at 2 pm in Trinity Chapel - Acclaimed pianist **Ralph Votapek** returns to the Bethany campus for a Guest Artist Series concert, featuring works by Beethoven, Chopin, and concluding with George Gershwin's *Grand Fantasy on Porgy and Bess*. All will be played on the college's Steinway D grand piano. Tickets will

be available at the door one hour before the concert. \$10 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors (60+)

Bethany's spring play *Aboveboard* is the premiere of a new comedy by Emily Kimball and Peter Bloedel, directed by Peter Bloedel. **Performances are April 22-24 and 29-30.** Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 pm, Sunday matinee at 2 pm. The box office opens on April 11. Reserve your tickets at blc.edu/theater or at [507-344-7374](tel:507-344-7374) on weekdays, 1-5 pm.

Monday, April 11 at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel - The Sioux Trails chapter of the American Guild of Organists (STAGO) present a **student organ recital** in Trinity Chapel. Organ students representing Gustavus Adolphus College, Martin Luther College, and Bethany Lutheran College will perform. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm in the YFAC Gallery - BLC art majors Adrian Whitney, Angela Timm, Kaitlyn John, Taylor Friehl, and Kasarah Smart present their **senior art show** titled *The World Around Us*. The gallery talk and reception will take place in the gallery of the YFAC, free and open to the public. This art exhibit will be on display from April 13-24.

Saturday, April 17 at 2 pm in Trinity Chapel - Senior music majors **Kayla Ann Busch and Grace Stromer** present their senior recital.

Tuesday, April 19 at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel - **Guitarist Chris Kachian** returns to the Bethany campus for an evening of music performed with Prof. Adrian Lo. Kachian has performed throughout the Americas, Europe, and Asia and with orchestras in Germany as well as the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Minnesota Opera. Free.

Community Events

Please join the Minnesota Valley Chorale for their "Minnesota Moments" concert. "Minnesota Moments" will feature pieces by composers with Minnesota connections at our Spring Concert on Friday, **April 15** at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Mankato, and on Saturday, **April 16** at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 per person.

Jesus Cares Ministry:

Thank you for your help! We **exceeded our fundraising goal** by \$25,000! \$80,000 will be matched with an additional \$40,000 bringing our total raised to \$145,000! We are excited to continue to develop resources for new and existing programs. Still interested in supporting the national JCM programming? Donate online or call (952) 873-4751

What: Kingdom Workers Presentation
Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
When: Sunday, April 3rd at 9:40 a.m.



Laura Harstad, Director of Volunteer Management at Kingdom Workers, will share inspiring stories from locations around the world where Lutherans like you have partnered with Kingdom Workers to share the Gospel. She will be joined by Ben and Joe Lundsten who will tell you about their upcoming mission project in SE Asia. Join us for this special presentation.

How can you serve? Kingdom Workers has opportunities for people of all ages. Volunteers have helped congregations with building projects, serving people with disabilities, clean water projects, teaching English, health education, music camps, vacation Bible school, Bible sports camps, and more. Learn more! www.kingdomworkers.com

“We are little fishes according to our great fish, Jesus Christ. We are born in water and continue to live healthily only as we remain in the water. The enemies know well how to kill the little fish—draw them out of the water!”

—Tertullian, *De Baptismo*, 200AD



Have you seen the fish symbol before? The simple line drawing along with the Greek word, “*Ichthys*,” meaning: “fish” was used as a symbol of the Christian faith by the Early Church. “*Ichthys*” was broken down as an acronym:

Ι	Ιησους	=	Jesus
Χ	Χριστός	=	Christ
Θ	θεός	=	God
Υ	υἱός	=	Son
Σ	σωτήρ	=	Savior