

Easter 5
Confirmation Sunday

April 24, 2016

10:45am

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

~Hymn 242 vv. 1-3, 6, 7 *Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy*

~Confession of Sin (p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Versicles (pp. 109-110)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

~Psalm Hymn 176 *How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts (based on Psalm 119)*

Community Events

Looking for a fun opportunity with a flexible schedule? New 2 You has an immediate opening for a part time position. The position is 18-22 hours/week including two Saturday's a month and involves a lot of standing. The applicant must be able to lift heavy objects. Looking for a friendly face to help people when dropping off donations, assisting volunteers with the cash register and supporting the manager with other duties as assigned. This position pays \$9.00/hr. Stop by New 2 You to pick up an application. For questions, call [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455) and ask for Lila.

St. Peter Lutheran School in St. Peter, MN is looking to hire a teachers' aide for the next school year. This position will be for 150 days and will pay \$11.00 an hour. The scheduled day for the aide will be from 8:30AM to 2PM. If you are interested, please contact St. Peter Lutheran School, 427 West Mulberry, St. Peter, MN 56082 or call the church office at 931-1866 for a complete job description and an application form. Applications will be accepted until June 3. Tentative start date will be the last week of August.

Play Synopsis: Nick is a young professional living in New York. When he notices that food is missing from his apartment he suspects his best friend Milo, a magician who lives in an apartment down the hall. Nick sets up a camera in his apartment in an attempt to catch Milo, who denies any wrongdoing. Later, when he checks the camera footage, Nick discovers that Milo isn't the only one trespassing. He learns that a squatter has also been secretly living in his apartment for nearly a month. When this video footage is posted to the Internet, surprising things begin to unfold. This world premiere romantic comedy wades the waters of magic and misunderstanding, deception and truth, love and, of course, viral videos.

The Bethany Lutheran College Activities Committee invites you to attend Luthapalooza 2016 **TODAY** at Sibley Park's Leas Schwickert Arts Pavilion from 1pm-5pm! Performing bands include the Bethany Drumline, Midlife Crisis, The Last Man's Club, The Whithers and The Futons. There will be food available for purchase and yard games to play. It is recommended that you bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. This event is FREE to the public!

TODAY at 7:00 pm in Trinity Chapel - The **Bethany Jazz Band**, directed by Erik Hermanson, presents their spring concert in Trinity Chapel at 7 p.m. The event is free and the public is warmly invited to attend.

Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm in Trinity Chapel - The **Spring Semester Honors Recital** will be presented. Bethany music students audition for the honor of performing at this recital. The recital is free, with a reception to follow in the YFAC gallery.

Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in the YFAC gallery - The Bethany Art Department invites you to the **Spring Student Art Show**. The annual art department awards will be announced during the show, the public may meet the artists, and a reception will be served.

Job Openings: Bethany has an immediate opening for the head coach of the men's and women's tennis program. Application review will begin April 25, 2016, and continue until the position is filled. There is also a job opening for the head coach of the men's basketball program. For more information, contact Paulette Tonn Booker at Paulette.TonnBooker@blc.edu or 507-344-7840.

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 12:1-6 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

~Responsory Hymn 167 vv. 5, 6 *Thou Mighty Father, in Thy Son*

~Gospel Lesson

John 16:5-15 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

~Hymn 33 *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*

~Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 1:8, 9 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

~Sermon Theme

“Our Faithful Lord’s Promise to Us”

1. He who brought us to faith
2. Will keep us strong in faith
3. Until we are with Him in heaven

~Offering & Hymn 510 *Fear and Love Thy God and Lord*

~Rite of Confirmation

Exhortation and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Confirmation Vows

Blessing and Announcement of Confirmation Passage

Welcome and Benediction

Confirmation Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 249, “Fight the Good Fight” sung by the Confirmands

~Kyrie (pp. 116-117)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord’s Prayer (p. 117)

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.

~Collect (p. 118, form 1)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.**

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 **TODAY, 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. **(Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.)**

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Position Opening at MVL: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is seeking applicants for the position of Financial Secretary. We are looking for an individual who is familiar with financial procedures and software, possesses strong computer skills and has a desire to be an integral part of MVL’s ministry. If interested, contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or tplath@mvlhs.org for an application.

Concert: MVL’s Year-End Sacred Concert will be held **TODAY** at MLC at 7PM.

Spring Drama Production: The MVL Drama Group will present *Penelope’s Paws* on Friday, **May 6** at 7PM and Saturday, **May 7** at 2PM & 7PM.

Bethany Lutheran College

Lutheran Alphabet Soup - Chaplain Don Moldstad will be giving a presentation on the movements in American Lutheranism which have produced the current “map” of Lutheran church bodies. It will be given in Bethany College’s Meyer Hall, Room 101 (Seminar Room) on **Monday, April 25th** from 7-8PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 29 & 30** at 7:30pm. Reserve your tickets at blc.edu/theater or at [507-344-7374](tel:507-344-7374) on weekdays, 1-5 pm.

Props Needed: Mt. Olive's CDS is in need of some "trees" for their upcoming musical, *Alice in Wonderland*. Do you have any decorative large potted plants that could be used as trees? Please contact Miranda Dittmer.

Ascension Service & Band Concert: Mt. Olive's Ascension Service/CDS Band Concert on Thursday, **May 5** will be held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College at 6:30PM.

Softball Coach(es): We will be in need of 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@mtolivelutheran.org Thank You.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Camp Bus: Youth going to Camp Indianhead can sign-up to work at Pizza Ranch to raise funds for camp transportation. The fundraiser will take place on Monday, **June 20** during synod week from 4:30 to 9:00PM. Youth may sign-up for 1 or both shifts. Contact Lance Johnson for information [507-720-2130](tel:507-720-2130) or lgustavj77@gmail.com.

Camp Indianhead is scheduled for **July 10-15** at Luther Island Camp, and is open to boys and girls 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: **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER BY May 1st ONLINE!!!** 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/lya16/ 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,

~**Benedicamus** (p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** (p. 119)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Closing Hymn 590 *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand***

Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organist: John Baumann / Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh

8th Grade Choir Director: Larry Rude

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found 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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 292/219 10:45am; 149/118 Monday: 20/16

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$12,397.52

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

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

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

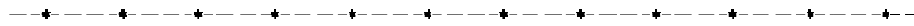
2nd Service: Bill Bohning (captain), Daniel Neubauer, Mark Olson,
Scott Pithan, Taylor Pithan, Ethan Pithan

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 24, 2016 - May 1, 2016

Sunday April 24	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 11:45AM 2PM 7PM 7:30PM	8th Grade Confirmation Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/ Bible Information Class Divine Service w/ Confirmation Social Hall Reserved <i>Aboveboard</i> at BLC in the Sigurd Lee Theatre MVL's Year-End Sacred Concert at MLC Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 25	10AM 6:30PM 7:30PM 7:30PM	Veteran's Bible Study - <i>710 Raintree Rd., unit C</i> Divine Service Evangelism Committee Meeting Board for Parish Ed & Youth
Tuesday April 26	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Book of Acts</i> PTF Large Group Meeting
Wednesday April 27	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM	M.O.M.'s Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study - <i>The Epistle of James</i> Confirmation
Thursday April 28		
Friday April 29	11:15AM 7:30PM	CDS Early Dismissal <i>Aboveboard</i> at BLC in the Sigurd Lee Theatre
Saturday April 30	7:30PM	<i>Aboveboard</i> at BLC in the Sigurd Lee Theatre
Sunday May 1	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Class/ Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by the parents of the Confirmands.