



## TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22, 2016, 8:30 & 10:45pm

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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

**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:**

*When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out "Woe is me!" For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is 6:1-7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:1-15). This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit's good pleasure in Baptism. "Unless one is born (again) of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, "Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen" (Rom 11:33-36).*

Suite, 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](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org) for an application.

**Graduation Service:** MVL's graduation service will be held at 2PM on **Sunday, May 29** in the gym. Congratulations to the graduates!

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Job Openings:** Bethany has an immediate opening for the head coach of the men's and women's tennis program, and head coach of the softball program. For more information, contact Paulette Tonn Booker at [Paulette.TonnBooker@blc.edu](mailto:Paulette.TonnBooker@blc.edu) or 507-344-7840.

Bethany also invites applications for a full-time, nine-month faculty position in English beginning August 1, 2016 and an Admissions Counselor beginning June 1, 2016. For more information, contact Paulette Tonn Booker.

**Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel:** **Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert**, featuring music by the Concert Choir, Mary Martha Singers, and Handbell Choir. Free and open to the public, with a free will offering collected during the concert.

**High School Youth:** Bethany Lutheran College is sponsoring its annual Summer Honor Choir Camp at Bethany during the ELS Synod Convention, **June 18-23**. The Camp is directed by Dennis Marzolf, and will include vocal music study, performance, and recreation for 9-12 graders. Registration forms can be found on the narthex table.

**New 2 You:** New 2 You is looking for someone to fill accounting/bookkeeping duties for the store. This position would require approximately 10 hours per month. The position requires experience with Quickbooks and will be responsible for running payroll for 3 people and providing financial statements to the Board. Please contact Lila at New 2 You if interested. 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris [scrip@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Krista Petzel [krista.petzel@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**Positions 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](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org) for an application.

MVL is also seeking applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant for Development. We are looking for an individual who possesses an aptitude to maintain alumni and donor databases, plan and coordinate events, is proficient in the Microsoft

### **~Hymn 12 *Come, Thou Almighty King***

*(Sunday School Choir, vv. 1-3; Congregation, vv. 4, 5)*

#### **~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!**

### **~Hymn 39 vv. 1-3 *Whoever Would Be Saved***

**~Old Testament Lesson**

**Ezekiel 18:30-32** “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord GOD. “Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord GOD. “Therefore turn and live!”

**~Responsory Hymn 39 vv. 4, 5 Within This Three in One**

**~Epistle Lesson**

**Romans 11:33-36** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?” For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

**~Hymn 403 God Loved the World**

**~Gospel Lesson and Sermon Text**

**John 3:14-21** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

scheduling and managing After-School Care staff, with a primary focus on keeping the children safe and occupied. If interested, please contact Mt. Olive at 345-7927 or email Principal Larry Rude at [lrude@mtolive.lutheran.org](mailto:lrude@mtolive.lutheran.org).

**Don't know what to do with the kids during the summer?** Bring them to the park! The Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) group has set up park playdates on Wednesday mornings for the summer months. All are welcome (even dads)!!! Join us Wednesdays, starting June 1, from 9am-noon, bring a picnic lunch if you like. Come and go as you please. We will be rotating a different park each month. June is Spring Lake Park, July is Alexander Park, and August is Sibley Park. If weather is rainy, playdate is cancelled. Come when you can! Questions? Contact Kristen Lukasek 507-382-7963 or [mattlukasek@yahoo.com](mailto:mattlukasek@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://islandcamp.org) (scroll down and click on our logo, then click “create new parent”) or find registration and health forms on the narthex table. The camp bus is now filled to capacity. Contact Lance Johnson with any questions.

**Sr. Youth Group:** Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) will be held **July 28-31, 2016** in Dallas, TX. The convention's theme this year is, “Two Kingdoms”. **Go to: [els.org/lya16/](http://els.org/lya16/) to register. The cost is \$300.** We have reserved up to three buses to leave from Mt. Olive's parking lot on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 3PM, and return on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> by late-morning. The cost for the bus will be @ \$250/person. (This is a separate cost than the LYA convention itself). **We are asking for \$100 down-payment by June 1st.** *If you helped out with Easter Breakfast, or have Kwik Trip Scrip money in your name, you will be getting money towards the bus payment later.* **The forms are available on the narthex table, and need to be turned in to the office.** Any questions? Contact Lance Johnson, or Peter or Sarah Bloedel.

**Our Christian Condolences** to the Jacob & Carol Yenish family. Their son, Peter, passed away at the age of 12 days old last week. His funeral was held here yesterday. God's comfort to all who mourn.

**Our Sunday School Year Concludes Today.** Many thanks to Kent Waletski for serving as our superintendent, and to all our teachers for their faithful service! The new Sunday School year will begin in early September.

**Borrowing Tables & Chairs:** Anyone wishing to borrow tables or chairs from Mt. Olive for upcoming events should call or email the office (507-345-4966 or [church@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:church@mtolivelutheran.org)) so we can be sure there are enough available.

**A Special Voters' Meeting** will be held **TODAY at 12:00PM**. The items on the agenda will be: (1) submitting nominations for the professorship at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary, (2) reallocation of funds necessary to repair the air conditioning system, and (3) designation of part of the proceeds from the Mueller estate. All voters are encouraged to attend.

**You are invited to Wonderland!** Come see the Mt. Olive 6th-8th grade musical, "Alice in Wonderland Jr." on the Bethany Lutheran College stage. **Show times are Thursday, May 26 at 12:30PM and 6:30PM and Friday, May 27 at 6:30PM. Free admission.**

**Blood Drive: Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 1 - 6pm.** To schedule an appointment: call 1-800-733-2767 or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code **MTOLIVEKATO**. 1 pint of blood can save 3 lives!

**Annual Report Deadline:** All church Boards, Committees and Groups, should submit reports for 2015 to the church office by June 1, for the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Reports are needed from the Board of Deacons, Board of Education, Board for Stewardship, Board of Budget & Finance, Board of Trustees, Board for Parish Ed. and Youth, Evangelism Committee, Membership Committee, PTF, Booster Club and Lutheran Girl Pioneers.)

**Job Opportunity for After-School Care Coordinator:** This is a part-time position, about 15-20 hours per week, which offers a competitive hourly wage and summers off. It involves overseeing the K-8 program from approximately 2:15-5:15PM on school days. The position officially starts in late August; however, some training will be provided as needed by the 2015-16 ASC coordinator. Administrative duties include

**~Sermon Theme**

***"God So Loved Us"***

1. The Father sent His Son to be lifted up for us.
2. The Son who died gives life to all who look to Him in faith.
3. The Holy Spirit draws dying sinners to believe.

**~Offering & Hymn 39 vv. 6-10 *This, Too, All Must Believe***

*(All Stand to Sing Stanza 10)*

**~Prayers**

**~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 I)**

**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.**

**~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.**

~**Hymn 15 vv. 2, 4 Holy, Holy, Holy**

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

*Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann*

*Sunday School Choir director: Katie Sulzle / Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am; 311/213 10:45am; 169/127 Monday: 25/17**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$18,754.77**

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

*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.*

***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.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz, Seth Tweit, John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** David Munsen (captain), Matthew Munsen, Dan Maas, Justin Maas, Craig Christensen

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Eldon Sting, Lois Otto

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Bob & Ruth Heidenreich, Mark & Vivian Smith

**Offering Counters:** Craig Christiansen, Bruce Gratz

**Altar Guild:** LuAnn Sting, Lynette Merseth  
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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: May 22, 2016 - May 29, 2016**

<b>Sunday</b> May 22	8:30AM 9:40AM  10:45AM 12:00PM	<b>Sunday School Choir Sings</b> Divine Service Sunday School/Freimuth Farewell/ Bible Information Class Divine Service Voters' Meeting <b>No Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</b>
<b>Monday</b> May 23	10AM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Veterans' Bible Study Divine Service Evangelism Committee Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b> May 24	8AM 7PM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Book of Acts</i> Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert - Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b> May 25	8:05AM 9AM-5PM	CDS Chapel Circuit Pastors' Conference at BLC
<b>Thursday</b> May 26	12:30 & 6:30PM	"Alice in Wonderland" in Sigurd Lee Theatre at BLC Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center
<b>Friday</b> May 27	10:15AM 11:15AM 6:30PM	Pathstone Service Early Dismissal - Last Day of School "Alice in Wonderland" in Sigurd Lee Theatre at BLC Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center
<b>Saturday</b> May 28		
<b>Sunday</b> May 29	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 2PM 7:30PM	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation</b> Divine Service Divine Service w/ Graduation Reception for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates in Social Hall MVL Graduation Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal.