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Trinity 11

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 Evangelical
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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 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.

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 452 vv. 1-3 *Out of the Depths I Cry*

~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.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (pp. 44-45)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

~**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 beseech You so to guide and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not forget our sins and be filled with pride, but continue in daily repentance and renewal, seeking comfort only in the blessed knowledge that You will be merciful to us, forgive us our sins, and grant us eternal life; through 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.

~**Epistle Lesson**

I Corinthians 15:1-10 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you

are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

~With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh (ELH 455 vv. 1, 3, 5)

Carl Bloedel, Peter Bloedel, Ted Gullixson – Joni Bode Accompanist

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:9-14 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

~Nicene Creed (p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 175 *God Loves Me Dearly*

~Sermon Text

Mark 9:30-37 Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.” But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him. Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

~Sermon Theme

“Can We Earn God’s Respect?”

1. No, not by our own merits or striving.
2. But He graciously respects us in Christ.
3. For His sake, we want to live respectable lives.

~Prayer

~Offering & Hymn 320 vv. 1, 6-8 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed*

(Guests: Please place guests cards in offering plate)

~**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 174 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Hymn 386 *Lord God, Who Art My Father Dear*

Hymn 515 *Thine Forever, God of Love*

Hymn 324 vv. 11-14 *Your Table, Lord, Grants Me Great Power*

~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.

~Hymn 518 v. 4 *Jesus, All Thy Children Cherish*

~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 John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 217 10:00am; 169 Monday: 29

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK 7/12/15: \$10,753.69

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

Matthew 3:31, 33 – Do not worry, saying “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear”... Seek His kingdom and His Righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz, Darrell Iverson, Art Westphal,
Silas Petersen

2nd Service: Paul Tweit (captain), Keith Anderson,
Lance Johnson, Dennis Runck, Bob Fosburgh, Blake Fosburgh

Offering Counters: Stacy Olson, Seth Tweit

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Terri Westphal

WEEK AT A GLANCE: August 16, 2015 – August 23, 2015

Sunday August 16	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Study Encourage One Another Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball Divine Service
Monday August 17	6:30PM	Divine Worship Service
Tuesday August 18	8AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Women’s Bible Study – <i>Book of Acts</i> Jesus Cares Ministry Back to School Night
Wednesday August 19	9AM	Bible Study – <i>Psalms 34</i>
Thursday August 20	6:30PM	Library Work Night
Friday August 21		
Saturday August 22	9AM	Christian Service Committee
Sunday August 23	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Bible Study Bible Study Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying our altar today were given to God’s glory by Ron and Kathy Koth.

Special Bible Study! Join us after 2nd Service TODAY to hear Dan Basel’s presentation “Christ’s Love – Compelling Us to Love Christ & Our Brethren in All We Do”.

Back to School: Mt. Olive School parents please note these important dates: ***Back to School Night for grades 6-8 will be Tuesday, 8/18 at 6:30PM. Registration Night for all grades will be Wednesday, 8/26. A-L families attend 6:30-7:15PM & M-Z families 7:15-8PM.***

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV: Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Enventis) on Wednesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM

Confirmation Class: Confirmation classes will begin September 6th for 7th and 8th grade students. If your child is not enrolled at Mt. Olive Lutheran School please contact the church office to sign him/her up for Confirmation classes. (345-4966)

Library Work Night! We have a lot to do to get our library ready for the school children to check out books. We need people to process books, and to check shelves to make sure all of the books are in order. We also have posters and decorations to put up! Sign up in the narthex if you are able to help. The fun begins at 6:30 on Thurs. Aug. 20! See you then!

Sunday School: Sunday School teachers are needed for this coming school year. Openings are available in many of the grades and classes. Wherever possible we try to arrange for two teachers per class so the teachers have some flexibility. Please contact directors: Kent Waletski (389-9846) (Kwaletski@yahoo.com)

Men Who Like to Sing! (Young & Old) You are invited to join the men's singing group which will be starting again shortly. The Men's Choir schedule fits in between the other singing groups here at Mt. Olive. Your schedule may not allow you to sing each time-- That's OK! The Men's Choir is happy to work around that. Please call Carl Bloedel if you are interested or have any questions: [507-720-6593](tel:507-720-6593). Praise the Lord with your musical talents!

A special thank you to all those who made Mount Olive Lutheran School sparkle this past Tuesday and Wednesday. Our school has never looked so good as it has having been polished with the love of parents and students! What a great way to start the year.

HISTORY OF MT. OLIVE: We will be using the new case in our narthex to display a "History of Mt. Olive" and are in need of material for it. We are hoping to gather old photos and artifacts from the history of our church and school. If you have any old pictures (especially of our past facilities, or pastors, or events, etc.) or any interesting artifacts (bulletins, commemorative items, etc.) please bring them to the office. We appreciate your assistance.

Mt. Olive School Library: Love children? Love books? We need YOU to be a librarian in our school library! We are currently looking for volunteers to work in our library one or two Thursdays a month. Your duties would include reading a story for K-2, checking in books, checking out and shelving books. If you are interested please sign up in the narthex or contact Sue Beilke for more information.

Night to Unite: The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring Night to Unite on **Tuesday, August 25 from 6:30 to 8** as an outreach to our community. We plan to have a bounce house, root beer floats, and other activities. We are looking for congregation members to be present and have informal conversations about the programs that our church and school offer, and to proclaim *Peace with God through Jesus Christ*. If you are willing to be present that evening, please contact Michelle Graham. We also are seeking volunteers to canvass the neighborhood on **August 17 at 5:30** in order to invite people to this event. If you are willing to canvass or to attend the event as a congregational ambassador, please contact Michelle Graham. Thank you

Teacher Aide Needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran School is seeking a part-time teacher aide for our 4th-5th grade class for the upcoming school year. The hours are from 9:00-11:00 each school day, and the primary focus would be to assist with mathematics. Please contact Principal Larry Rude at lrude@mtolivelutheran.org, 507-345-4966.

Sunny D Book Spree is coming in August! Please save all of your **Sunny D** beverage labels and/or shrink-wrap packing for bottles **16 oz.** or larger. For every 20 labels we save, we will receive 20 paperback books for each classroom. Please drop them off in the specially marked box in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Sue Beilke.

Join us for our summer Bible Class series:

August 16th— **Dan Basel - "Christ's Love: Compelling Us to Love Christ & Our Brethren in All We Do"**

August 23rd— **TBD**

August 30th—**Prof. Dennis Marzolf - "Hymnody"**

Mt. Olive School Scrip program: The 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 any questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Krista Petzel krista.petzel@gmail.com.

Volunteer Soccer Coaches Needed: Our Christian Day School needs at least 2 coaches for upper and lower grade squads. Practices will be from 2:30 - 4 at Bethany on Mondays and Thursdays. The game schedule is on our school's web site under Athletics. Contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org if interested.

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 10% 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.

New 2You: 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 New 2 You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455).

~Please consider volunteering at New2You. Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Bethany Lutheran College

Job Opening: Bethany Lutheran College has an opening for a full-time admissions counselor. More information is available in the church office.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Opening Service and 25th Anniversary Celebration: You are invited to a celebration of Mr. Jeff Schoenherr's 25 years in the ministry immediately following the Opening Service for the new school year. The Opening Service begins at 1:30PM on Sunday, August 23.

Needed: MVL is in need of two volleyball coaches for the 2015 season at the Freshmen and JV levels. For more information contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org or call [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851).

Community

ECHO This summer ECHO will distribute around 2650 nutrition packages (\$12.53 each) to school age children in our community.

Art Exhibition: MVL alumnus Anna Leigh Biedenbender's first solo exhibition will be shown at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design from August 21 – September 18. The opening reception will be on Saturday, August 22 from 7-9PM.

Employment Opportunities: Jesus Loves Me Learning Center is hiring for their child care facility. Call 345-7707, 508-2041 or email lingilm@hickorytech.net if interested.