



## TRINITY 9

Sunday, July 24, 2016, 8:30 & 10am

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:**

*"The master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (Luke 16:1-9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when the earthly fails. These are our escape in temptation (1 Cor. 10:6-13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam 22:26-34).*

**~Hymn 5 *Lord Jesus, Though But Two or Three* (Tune Hymn 50)**

**~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!**

**~Invitatory (p. 110)**

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

**C: ♪ For He is our Maker.**

~Venite exultemus (p. 111)

**C: ♪ O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

**For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

~Psalm 90, pg. 185, 186, read responsively (Odd numbered verses: Liturgist, Even numbered verses: ALL)

~Old Testament Lesson

**2 Samuel 22: 26-34** "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. You will save the humble people; But Your eyes *are* on the haughty, *that* You may bring *them* down. "For You *are* my lamp, O LORD; The LORD shall enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; By my God I can leap over a wall. *As for* God, His way *is* perfect; The word of the LORD *is* proven; He *is* a shield to all who trust in Him. "For who *is* God, except the LORD? And who *is* a rock, except our God? God *is* my strength *and* power, And He makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like the *feet* of deer, And sets me on my high places.

~Hymn 160 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

~Epistle Lesson

**1 Corinthians: 10:6-13** Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day

twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

~**Responsory** (p. 112)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Hymn 25** *O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace*

~**Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Luke 16: 1-13** He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

**~Sermon Theme *“Live Your Life Today With Your Eternal Future in Mind”***

**~Offering and Hymn 446 vv. 1,2,4,7 & 8**

**~Prayer**

**~Te Deum Laudamus (pp. 114-116)**

**C: ♪ We praise You, O God: we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein; to You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You: The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and only Son; also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.**

**You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man. You humbled Yourself to be born of a Virgin. When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our Judge.**

**We therefore pray You, help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You. And we worship Your name now and evermore.**

**Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

~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 (pp. 118-119, form II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, 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 483: vv. 4,11 *Help Me Now Set My House in Order*

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*Preacher: / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Pastor John Petersen  
Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am; 217/170 10am; 193/137 Monday: 43/32**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$ 12,269.66**

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

*2 Corinthians 9:6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

***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: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Mike Smith (captain), Silas Petersen, Darrell Iverson,  
Ray Iverson, Art Westphal

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Paul Tweit (captain), Keith Anderson, Lance Johnson, Dennis Runck,  
Bob Fosburgh, Blake Fosburgh

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Dean & Cathy Kluge, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Connie Long, Peggy Harstad, Mike & Anita Smith

**Offering Counters:** Genie Selvey, Joni Bode

**Altar Guild:** Connie Meyer, Terri Westphal

***WEEK AT A GLANCE: July 24, 2016 - July 31, 2016***

<b>Sunday</b> July 24	8:30AM 10AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> July 25	10:00AM 6:30PM	Veterans Bible Study Divine Service
<b>Tuesday</b> July 26	8AM 6:00PM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Book of Acts</i> Building Committee
<b>Wednesday</b> July 27	9AM 3:00PM	Bible Study-The Epistle of James Bus leaves for LYA Convention in Dallas, TX

<b>Thursday</b> July 28	7:00PM	Building Committee Publication Subcommittee LYA Convention
<b>Friday</b> July 29		LYA Convention
<b>Saturday</b> July 30		LYA Convention
<b>Sunday</b> July 31	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Special Voters' Meeting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball LYA Convention

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Dennis Soule.

**Vacation Bible School:** We had a great week of Vacation Bible School with over 140 children attending! Many thanks to our VBS Director Sally Sorenson and to all who assisted and contributed to a wonderful time of learning about Jesus, the Light of Life!

**LYA Bus Information:** The bus for LYA Convention in Dallas, TX departs at 3:00 on Wednesday, July 27, at 3:00. Please arrive around 2:30 to load up the bus.

**Volleyball and Soccer Coaches Needed:** Mt. Olive Lutheran School is in need of volleyball coaches for the 5th -8th grade volleyball teams. Practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Practice times are between 2:30 and 5:30PM depending on the coaches' availability. We are also in need of soccer coaches for our 5th-6th grade and 7th-8th grade teams. Soccer practices are on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:30-4PM at Bethany College. If you are interested, please contact Craig Zibrowski by email or [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org)

**Voters' Meeting:** A special Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 31, at 11 a.m. (right after 2nd service) to ratify Board of Budget and Finance member terms, and Delegates to MVL positions inadvertently left out at the annual meeting in June. Please join us for what should be a short but important meeting.



**PLAN NOW** to join your friends from Mt. Olive for an afternoon and evening of food, baseball and fellowship on **Sunday, July 31**. Tailgating in the church parking lot will begin at 4 p.m. with the Mankato Moon Dogs game at 6 p.m. Tickets for the game - only \$5 each! - can be reserved by signing the sheet in the narthex and paying in advance. Tailgating is free, courtesy of a Thrivent Action Project. We ask all tailgaters to bring a food or cash donation for the Echo Food Shelf. Please feel free to join us for tailgating even if you are not planning on going to the game. Just indicate your intention to "tailgate only" on the signup sheet in the narthex. Please give generously to the Food Shelf as we strive to help fight hunger among our neighbors in the community.

**Attention Singers:** Mr. Carl Bloedel is seeking to gather a large company of singers (men & women) to sing a special anthem in our worship services on Sunday, July 31st. Rehearsals will be between services today in the sanctuary by the organ. Please come even whether you can make one or both rehearsals and whether you can sing in one or both services. Come and enjoy! If you have any questions please speak with Carl Bloedel.

**New 2 You:** 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. ~ ***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 Opportunity:** Please contact Paulette Tonn Booker if interested in an IT Specialist/Help Desk Support position at 507-344-7840.

**Special Presentation - Rising Eagle School in China** - Jacob and Hillary Beilke will be giving special presentations on Sunday, July 24th, following EACH service in the Social Hall (those who attend 1st Service can stay and hear the presentation as the 2nd Service gets underway. The presentation will be repeated after the 2nd Service also.). They will be talking about the mission work they are carrying out, providing Christian education for Chinese families.

**Job Opportunity at MVL:** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has a part-time position open in the food service at MVL. This position is for about 6 to 6 1/2 hours per day during the school year. Tasks include: food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Principal Tim Plath at MVL at 507-354-6851 or [tplath@mvlhs.org](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.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 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. July is Alexander Park and August is Sibley Park. If weather is rainy, playdate is cancelled. Questions? Contact Kristen Lukasek 507-382-7963 or [mattlukasek@yahoo.com](mailto:mattlukasek@yahoo.com).

**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.

**Summer Job Opportunity: Join our energetic team** cleaning apartments late July through middle of August 2016. EcoClean Mankato is seeking individuals with strong work ethics who can meet strict deadlines, withstand physical labor and enjoy being on a team! For details please contact Mount Olive parent, **Joanna, at 507-317-1487.**

**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.

**Fellowship Day Trip:** St. Paul's in North Mankato will be hosting a Fellowship Day Trip on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Destinations: Cambria in LeSueur; Cambria in Belle Plaine; Emma Krumbees in Belle Plaine for lunch; The Big Yellow Barn (MN largest candy store); Friendly Cheese Shoppe in LeSueur. The coach bus will leave St. Paul's at **9:00 am**. Cost is **\$25/person**. Contact Mark Probst (507-380-5994) for more information.