



TRINITY 16/RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11, 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:

On Rally Sunday, the congregation considers the task it has of Christian Education, not only in the Christian Day School, but on a congregational level as well. The Lord has enjoined on his church a broad teaching responsibility that extends to all age groups. It aims not only at imparting Christian knowledge, but also at growth in faith and in the grace of Christ through the power of the gospel. The congregation's educational effort does not free the parents of responsibility, but encourages and equips the parents for their task and supplements their efforts. The objectives of a church's overall educational program is to share the knowledge and certainty of salvation, to help individuals mature in the faith, and to support growth in in the total life of faith.

~**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!

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Deuteronomy 32:39-41 Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. For I raise My hand to heaven, and say, "As I live forever, if I whet My glittering sword, and My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me."

~**Responsory Hymn 180 vv. 1, 2, 4** *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

~Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:13-21 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

~Responsory Hymn 283 vv. 1-3 *Glory Be to Jesus*

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:11-17 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.” And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

~Hymn 183 *Master of Eager Youth*

~Lesson & Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 “Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has

promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

~Sermon Theme

“Don’t Ever Stop Teaching God’s Word”

~Offering & Hymn 182 vv. 1, 5, 6 *One Thing Needful*

~Installation of Sunday School Teachers *(first service only)*

~Prayers

~Catechism Hymn 510 *Fear and Love Thy God and Lord*

~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.

~**Closing Hymn 525 v. 7 O Jesus, Draw Near My Dying Bed**

*Preacher: Dr. Michael Smith / Liturgist: Seminarian Patrick Ernst
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Dennis Marzolf*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 175/146 10am; 210/125 Monday: 18/12

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$13,111.47

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,760

Psalm 116:12, 13 What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

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: Steve Jaeger (captain), John Bungum, Rich Hultgren,
Rich Andreason, Craig Zibrowski, Michael Zibrowski

2nd Service: Dave Sulzle (captain), Joe Meyer, Herman Harstad,
Jeremy Jacob, Sam Barbosa

Greeters: 1st Service: Ron & Mary Younge, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Connie Long, Peggy Harstad, Mark & Vivian Smith

Offering Counters: Stacy Olson, Seth Tweit

Altar Guild: Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
2016-2017 Sunday School Staff

Preschool

Ashley Covell

Kindergarten

Grade 1

Tiffany Riesgraf & Cathy Kluge

Grade 2

Mary Born

Grade 3 & 4

Annie Kom & Annette Handevidt

Grade 5 & 6

Tim Pietsch & Peter Bockoven

Grades 7 & 8

Lance Johnson & Sam Johnson

Superintendent

Kent Waletski



Let the little children
come to me....

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *September 11, 2016 – September 18, 2016*

Sunday September 11 Rally Day	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Installation of Sunday School Teachers
	9:40AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour/Sunday School Registration
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	12PM	Lutheran Softball Tournament
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday September 12	9:30AM-2PM	Area Pastors' Conference
	10AM	Veterans' Bible Study
	6:30PM	Divine Service
	6:30PM	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday September 13	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Acts</i>
Wednesday September 14	8:05AM	CDS Chapel Service
	9AM	NO Bible Study
	2-7PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	3:45PM	Confirmation
	7PM	Choir
Thursday September 15		
Friday September 16	7 & 9PM	BLC Fall Festival
		Theatre Physics at BLC in the Sigurd Lee Theater
Saturday September 17	7 & 9PM	BLC Fall Festival
		Theatre Physics at BLC in the Sigurd Lee Theater
Sunday September 18	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	2PM	Theatre Physics at BLC in the Sigurd Lee Theater
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE THANK Dr. Michael Smith for sharing the Sermon with us this morning. Dr. Smith teaches New Testament classes at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and also Greek at Bethany Lutheran College. We also THANK Seminarian Patrick Ernst for serving as our Liturgist this morning. Patrick is currently in his second year at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and carries out his Field Education Work here at Mt. Olive.

Rally Day: TODAY our church services return to their regular times of 8:30 and 10:45AM. Please join us for Fellowship Coffee Hour & Sunday School Registration which will take place in between services. Sunday School and Bible classes will begin **September 18** at 9:40AM.

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Paul & Mary Jane Tweit.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who brought bars or helped in any way to make our church picnic a success. And thank you all for your generosity to the children of our school. ~LuAnn & Lois

Sunday School: Sunday School teachers are needed for this coming school year. Wherever possible we try to arrange for two teachers per class so the teachers have some flexibility. Please contact director: Kent Waletski (389-9846) (Kwaletski@yahoo.com)

As a member of our ELS Board for World Outreach, Pastor Petersen is now visiting our associate churches in Latvia, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic. He is scheduled to return September 20. During this time Pastor Ulrich will be assisted by Seminary professor Dr. Michael Smith and seminary students Patrick Ernst and Noah Thompson.

Lutheran Softball Tournament: It's that time of the year for softball and fellowship. Come join for us for the annual Lutheran softball tournament TODAY, **September 11**. Lunch is served at noon and games start at 1PM. Come and enjoy the games between St. Paul's, Peace, St. Mark's, Heritage of Apple Valley and Mt. Olive.

Lutheran Pioneers: Calling all K-6th grade boys and girls! Join the fun of Lutheran Pioneers. The first meeting of the year is **TONIGHT, September 11, 5-7PM** at the Mount Olive Lutheran Church Social Hall, 1123 Marsh St. Mankato. This year's schedule is jammed packed with activities encompassing the idea of exploring the amazing outdoors that God has given us. At this first meeting we will be making first aid kits to help prepare us for our future adventures. Each month brings a new adventure in various locations including; Geocaching, tying knots, hiking, swimming, and much more! If you have any questions contact Denice Woller at [\(507\) 351-5472](tel:5073515472). Otherwise, just come tonight (with a brown bag dinner) and see for yourself how much fun Pioneers can be!

Mission Support Bake Sale: September 25th is Mt. Olive's annual Mission Support Bake Sale. Proceeds from this sale are given as Mt. Olive's contribution to the Women's Mission Rally held in October. As we do not have any official women's groups in our congregation, this is our only opportunity to support this group. **Please** sign the sheet on the table in the narthex if you would be willing to make/donate something. We have received a Thrivent Action Team grant to pay for needed supplies, so please mark what you would need. **All** monies collected at the bake sale go to our foreign and home missions. You may write checks **payable to Mt. Olive** with mission support in the memo. **Thank you!**

Fall is in the air! Mt. Olive's 2nd Grade Class is hosting the Annual Fall Festival at Jack McGowan's Farm on Sunday, **September 18** from 2-4PM. Come join the fun!

After School Care is in need of donations for crafts and play:

1. Legos - if you have Legos that aren't being played with, the After School Care kids would definitely enjoy them.
2. Craft supplies: buttons, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, yarn, and pom poms all in various colors and sizes, Styrofoam peanuts, toilet paper rolls and paper towel tubes.

Please leave all donations in the youth room.

Thank you from the After School Care staff!

Choir Accompanist Needed: Girls' choir is in need of a pianist for rehearsals and services during the school year. Practices are most Wednesdays from 1:40-2:20, and we sing for services once each quarter. If you are available and interested, contact Donna Fosburgh at bdfosburgh@aol.com or (507)-382-2978.

Planned Giving Committee update and announcement of new brochure: Mt Olive Lutheran Church and School has established an Endowment Fund and a Trust Fund with the purpose of providing a vehicle for members to gift assets of various kinds to Mount Olive to support and supplement on a long-term basis the mission of the church and school. A committee was formed to oversee the administration of the two funds and they report to the Stewardship Committee. Members of the Planned Giving Committee are as follows: Jake Krier, John Bungum, Harlan Mehlhop, Vivian Smith and Beth Marzolf. The gifts received for both funds are invested with the WELS Investment Funds. The committee recently created a Planned Giving brochure and it is available on the table in the narthex, or by contacting the church office. On Sunday, **September 25**

the Planned Giving Committee will have a table set up after each service to distribute brochures and answer basic questions.

Men, Young and Older: If you would like to sing with the Men's Group, please call Carl Bloedel: (507) 720-6593 or just show up for rehearsals after choir on Wednesdays at 8PM. We sing in church about once a month.

Blood Drive: Mt. Olive will be hosting a blood drive on **Wednesday, September 14 from 2 - 7PM**. To schedule an appointment, please call **1-800-733- 2767** or visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO. 1 pint can save 3 lives!

Scrip Volunteer Needed: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is looking for an individual willing to volunteer 2 - 3 hours on Monday and/or Friday mornings to help with our Scrip program. No previous experience needed - we will train! Contact Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or at tplath@mvlhs.org if interested.

New2You Benefits You: Proceeds from New2You benefit students at MVL and Mt. Olive. In return Mt. Olive is responsible for working in the store on the first Saturday of each month. There will always be an experienced volunteer working with you. Students and/or parents consider helping "**once a year.**" Sign up on the narthex table.

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.

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 Tiffany Riesgraf triesgraf@yahoo.com

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Part-Time Custodial Position Opening A part-time cleaning position is open at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. The position calls for about 4 hours of work

per evening. If it's easier, two can share the work load and cut down on the amount of time needed to complete the tasks. Individuals interested in this position should contact Mr. Ken Opitz MVL at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or kopitz@mvlhs.org.

Bethany Lutheran College

The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary will kick off a new academic year with their first meeting on **Tuesday, September 13 at 7PM** in room 130 of Meyer Hall. Bethany Fine Arts Coordinator Susan Harstad will speak about her background as well as her current roll at Bethany. She will also highlight the upcoming Fine Arts guest artist programs for the 2016-17 academic year. Everyone who is interested is invited and encouraged to attend her presentation. Following the program the women of the Auxiliary chapter will hold their regular meeting.

All women with an interest in Bethany Lutheran College are welcome to join the group. In addition to presenting programs in September, November and February that address areas of interest in the activities of the college, the local chapter assists with the National Auxiliary Day in September and the tea for women during the June Synod Convention, hosts a tea for the graduating women in April, and raises funds throughout the year for projects that directly benefit the students at Bethany Lutheran College. New members are always welcome!

Fall Festival: Alumni and friends of Bethany are cordially invited to attend Bethany's Fall Festival – a Homecoming Weekend **September 16-18** on the Bethany campus. Many events are planned including the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet (ticketed event), an outdoor movie "The Secret Life of Pets," Theatre Physics (ticketed event), BLC Viking 5K (fee required), tailgating, soccer games, nursing lab tours, alumni reunions, inflatables – activities - games for kids, live music, a band concert, and more. President Gene Pfeifer will address all attendees on Saturday at 4 p.m. in Honsey Hall during the Alumni and Friends Reception. Finally, join us for breakfast (purchase at door) on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Bethany Dining Center. View the complete weekend schedule and registration information, at www.blc.edu/fallfestival or call Jake Krier at Bethany (507) 344-7519.

Bethany's Theatre Physics 23 performances are Friday, **Sept. 16** at 7 & 9PM Saturday, **Sept. 17** at 7 & 9PM and Sunday, **Sept. 18** at 2PM in the YFAC Lee Theater. Call 344-7374 weekdays between 1-5 p.m to book remaining tickets. General

admission tickets are available online at theatre.blc.edu using the tickets tab. Don't miss it!!

Saturday, Sept. 17: Band concerts during Bethany's Fall Festival/Homecoming include the Concert and Jazz Bands at 3 p.m. in Trinity Chapel. A String Band reunion concert will be performed at 5 p.m. These band concerts are free and open to the public.

Friday, Sept. 30: **Tjärnblom guest artist concert at 7PM in Trinity Chapel.** Swedish for "woodland lake flower", Tjärnblom is a Scandinavian-style string band featuring a beautiful blend of nyckelharpa (Swedish keyed fiddle), octave mandolin and harmonium. Tjärnblom has performed on the Prairie Home Companion radio show and at numerous festivals and venues in Minnesota. \$10 tickets are available at the door an hour before the concert.

Other News

ECHO Food Shelf Mini-Mini Marathon: Saturday, **September 17**, 10:30AM at ECHO Food Shelf on 1014 South Front Street, Mankato. Join us for 0.262 miles of fun to raise money for ECHO Food Shelf! Register in advance at echofoodshelf.org or show up early for race-day registration. All racers will receive a free t-shirt! For more information, visit echofoodshelf.org.

The Mankato Children's Chorus will begin its 23rd season this month. We encourage singers in grades 1 - 12 to join our five choirs. Registration takes place through the month of September. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings in Mankato.

Information at: www.mankatochildrenschorus.org

Contact us at: mankatochildrenschorus@gmail.com or [507-387-9007](tel:507-387-9007)



Special Fund Raiser: Mt. Olive's K-8th grade students are doing a new kind of fundraiser this fall: The Charger Challenge! It is the ONLY fundraiser this year! Students are seeking donors to sponsor them to walk a four mile trek, from Lower North Mankato (starting at Spring Lake Park) to Upper North Mankato (Culver's) and back again! **Any monetary amount is acceptable and 100% of the money collected goes to our goal of raising \$15,000.** Receipts for tax purposes are also available! The collected money will be used to purchase new

playground equipment, classroom furniture, and math/science materials to be used by all students. We invite YOU to be a part of the Charger Challenge! You are welcome to come and walk with us, Friday, September 30—rain date of Oct. 14—(we will begin at 9:45am from Shelter #1 off of Webster Ave), come cheer us on at a water station, or join us for a picnic lunch (bring your own) at 11:45 at Shelter #1. Would you like to sponsor our students but no one has asked you yet? A table will be set up between church services in the hallway by the church office on the 11th, 18th, and 25th to collect your donations. **Thank you for your generous support of our Christian day school!** Contact Kristin Lehne at 507-340-8750 or dnlehne@hickorytech.net to ask questions, make a donation, or to volunteer to help the day of the Charger Challenge.

MOMs Bible Study Child Care



Would you like to earn a little extra cash?

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study.

When: Wednesday Mornings from 8:00-10am, Sept 21st – Dec 7th

Where: Mt Olive Lutheran Church

Responsibilities: Read bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack. This is a paid position.

*Must pass State of MN background check

Contact: Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com)



Moms on a Mission (M.O.M.s) **Bible Study**

Moms supporting moms in raising godly children

A Bible Study for women to gather, support and strengthen each other in our vocation as moms. While the mothers gather, the children have an opportunity to learn bible stories, sing songs and play with friends in a supervised environment.

Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Topic: Family Vocation

When: Wednesday Mornings, Sept. 21-Dec. 7

Where: Mt. Olive Church (social hall)

8:00-8:45 Drop off children/Fellowship

8:45-9:45 M.O.M.s Bible Study/Supervised children's play

9:45-10:00 Children join moms for devotion and songs

If you plan to join us please e-mail Kristen Lukasek with your name, children's names, and ages.

Questions? Contact: Kristen Lukasek (mattlukasek@yahoo.com)

Heidi Graham (heidijennifergraham@gmail.com)

Rachel Ulrich (renderle@gmail.com)