

EASTER 7 – EXAUDI

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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.

Explanation of the Week: *The Spirit of truth testifies of Jesus, who is the Truth. But the world does not receive the Truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the Truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His church. "The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service." (Jn 15:26-16:4) Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory. (1 Pet 4:7-14) Through the ministry of the Spirit of truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ. (Ezek 36:22-28) He is now at work in us to have fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, "that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)

~Prelude — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

*(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)*

~Opening Prayer

(ELH 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 340 vv. 1, 3, 4, 6 Alleluia! Jesus Lives

*1. Alleluia! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.*

*3. Jesus lives! Why weepst
thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.*

*4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.*

*6. Alleluia! Angels, sing!
Join us in our hymn of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
Which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
And on earth His peace and
love!*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~ **Kyrie Eleison** — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 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.

~ **General Absolution** — *God’s declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

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** — *“Glory to God in the Highest”*

(ELH p. 44-45; Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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** — *The people’s blessing for the pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 157, #77)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: We beseech You, inasmuch as the world cannot endure such testimony and persecutes us in every way, grant us courage and comfort, that we may not be offended because of the cross, but continue steadfastly in Your testimony, and be always found

among those who know You and Your Son, until we obtain eternal salvation through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 36:25-27 I will sprinkle purifying water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurity and from all your filthy idols. Then I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you and will cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will carefully observe my ordinances.

~**Gradual** — *A Psalm or Hymn of the people responding to God's Word*

Hymn 389 v. 6, 7 Be Thou Our Joy

6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,

Who art our future Recompense:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall the light that springs from Thee

Be ours through all eternity.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,

All praise to Thee let earth accord,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Who art, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit One.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 4:7-11 The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the

many forms of God's grace. If anyone speaks, let him do it as one speaking the messages of God. If anyone serves, let him do it as one serving with the strength God supplies so that God may be glorified in every way through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH 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.

~**Chief Hymn 393** *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

*1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.*

*2. The highest place that heav'n affords
Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heav'n's eternal Light;*

(Hymn continues on the next page.)

*3. The Joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below,
To whom He manifests His love
And grants His name to know.*

*4. To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name, an everlasting name,
Their joy, the joy of heaven.*

*5. They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.*

*6. The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

John 15:20-16:4 "Remember the saying I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you too. If they held on to my word, they will hold on to yours as well. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin. But now they have no excuse for their sin. The one who hates me also hates my Father. If I had not done the works among them that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. This was to fulfill the word which is written in their Law: 'They hated me for no reason.' When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who murders you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you may remember that I told them to you. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you."

~Sermon Theme

Jesus Readies His Disciples to Face Hostility

~Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 48)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38-40.

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Preface — *Preparing our hearts for Communion* (ELH p. 50; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. **C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

~Ascension Preface

(ELH p. 51)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up to heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~**Sanctus** — *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

(ELH p. 51-52)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

~**Lord’s Prayer**

(ELH p. 53; Mt 6:9-13)

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**

(ELH p. 54; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

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** — *“Lamb of God”*

(ELH p. 55; Jn 1:29)

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**

(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

~**Hymn 320 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed**

*1. Lord Jesus Christ, You have bestowed
For our weak souls’ true feeding
This Meal, Your body and Your blood,
To it as guests us bidding.
We, pressed with sin’s load burdensome,
Thus as Your chosen guests here come
And seek Your help and counsel.*

*2. Though visibly from earth You've gone,
Already now ascended,
And here to us remain unseen
Till this brief time is ended,
Until the Judgment shall begin
When we will stand before Your throne
And joyfully behold You.*

*3. Still You are here, as says Your Word,
With us, Your congregation,
With now Your flesh and bones, O Lord,
Not bound to one location.
Your Word stands as a tower sure,
None can o'erthrow its truth secure,
Be he most shrewd and subtle.*

*4. "This is My body," thus You say,
"Eat orally, so take Me;
All drink My blood; by you I stay,
And you shall not forsake Me."
Thus You have spoken, so 'tis true;
Naught is impossible with You,
For You, Lord, are almighty.*

*5. And though my mind here does not see
How in so many places
Your body at one time can be,
Yet faith Your Word embraces.
I leave to You how this can be,
Your Word, O Lord, suffices me;
Faith stands upon it solely.*

*6. Lord, I believe, dear Lord, I trust;
Help for faith's weakness give me!
See, I but ashes am and dust;
Ne'er of Your Word deprive me!
Your Baptism, Supper, and Your Word
My comfort here below afford;
Here lies my heart's true treasure.*

*7. O help, Lord, that we worthily
Go to Your holy Table,
Our sins lamenting heartily,
And with Your merits noble
And Your great kindness us refresh;
Then surely e'er we'll strive afresh
Thereby our life to better.*

*8. Lord Christ, to You be highest praise
For this blest Supper given!
While 'gainst it men bold falsehood raise,
Keep it for us from heaven!
Help that Your body and Your blood
May be my soul's consoling food
In my last moments! Amen.*

~Hymn 396 *If God Had Not Been on Our Side*

*1. If God had not been on our side
And had not come to aid us,
The foes with all their pow'r and pride
Would surely have dismayed us,
For we, His flock, would have to fear
The threat of men both far and near
Who rise in might against us.*

*2. Their furious wrath, did God permit,
Would surely have consumed us
And as a deep and yawning pit
With life and limb entombed us.
Like men o'er whom dark waters roll
Their wrath would have engulfed our soul
And, like a flood, o'erwhelmed us.*

*3. Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat
That they could not devour us;
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net;
They could not overpower us.
The snare is broken, we are free!
Our help is ever, Lord, in Thee,
Who madest earth and heaven.*

~Hymn 397 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

*1. O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art Thou,
Its Savior and its King,
Its Savior and its King.*

*2. How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on Thee,
And led Thee to a cruel death
To set Thy people free,
To set Thy people free!*

*3. But now the bands of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid!
And Thou art on Thy Father's throne,
In glorious robes arrayed,
In glorious robes arrayed.*

*4. O may Thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare!
O may we come before Thy throne
And find acceptance there,
And find acceptance there!*

*5. O Christ, be Thou our lasting joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord,
To glory in the Lord!*

~Hymn 327 O Lord, We Praise Thee

*1. O Lord, we praise Thee,
Bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish.
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!*

*2. Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love that this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made.
O Lord, have mercy!*

*3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!*

~Dismissal — Assurance of blessing for those who have communed

(ELH 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 — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH 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 — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 56-57; Num. 6:24-26)

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.

~Closing Hymn 27 v. 2 Give to Thy Word Impressive Power

*2. Give to Thy Word impressive pow'r
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One,
Thy glory ever showing.
O stay
And sway
Our souls ever,
That they never
May forsake Thee,
But by faith their refuge make Thee.*

~Closing Prayer

(ELH 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.

~Announcements

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Prelude Duet: Cassie Johnson and Kristin Matzke
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 201; 10:45am, 138; Monday: 16
Sun Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 31

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Greeters: 1st **Service:** Mark & Michelle Graham & Jim & Connie Gullixson
2nd **Service:** Mark & Sharon Madson
Offering Counters: Bruce Gratz, Craig Christensen
Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Beth Hoffman

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$14,259.84 (includes text & on-line giving)
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (as of 3/31/21): \$29,370

*Philippians 4:19 **And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus***

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "donate online." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

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 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: May 16, 2021 — May 23, 2021

Sunday, May 16	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	6:30PM	VBS Planning Meeting
Monday, May 17	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:30PM	Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tues., May 18	6:30PM	Jesus Cares
Wednesday, May 19	8:05AM	Chapel
	8:30AM	Pastors' Conference
	9AM	No Bible Study
	4PM	No Confirmation Classes
Thur., May 20		
Fri., May 21	6:30PM	Thriving Family
Sat., May 22		
Sunday, May 23	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study (Last before summer)
	10:45AM	Divine Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Duane & Brenda Garbers.

[Vacation Bible School planning meeting](#) is scheduled for this evening at 6:30. All who would like to help are invited to join us!

TODAY! Be sure to check for **your quarterly giving statement.** They're on the smaller western-most table in the narthex.

Male counselors needed! Camp Indianhead is in need of young men 18 years or older to serve as camp counselors for July 11th - 16th. **Counselors are granted a \$200 stipend and gas reimbursement** for their time. If interested, contact Pastor Shawn Stafford ASAP: [sstafford@blc.edu](mailto:sstaford@blc.edu).

Baptized: Olivia Grace Gunderson, infant daughter of Eric and Megan Gunderson, was baptized by Pastor Ulrich here on Saturday, May 15, 2021. She was born April 17, 2021, here in Mankato. Her sponsors are Doug & Jess Gunderson. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed through this Sacrament.

Save the Dates: June 27 is our **annual voters' meeting** (Reports to the office before 8AM, Monday, June 14, are appreciated.) The **annual ELS convention** is the week of **June 20 to 24**. Currently, they plan to stream the services.



Artemis Gaming Kickoff, May 23rd! Kids ages 12 and up are invited to join a youth social that meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, starting May 23rd located at Mt. Olive's Youth Room. We start at 6 PM and finish around 8 PM. **Admittance fee is \$3 per kid, and comes with two slices of pizza and a beverage.** Typically, Artemis kids are **dropped off at 6 PM**. We get a headcount for pizza and immediately start playing board games. Then we have a break to eat and have a devotion with discussion and prayer, we finish the night playing board games until parents **pick up around 8 PM**. To sign up, email Jon Basel at basel.jonathan@gmail.com.

Camp Indianhead Go-ers! Mount Olive members heading to Camp Indianhead who would like Mount Olive to pay the traditional \$50 per camper need to email Lance Johnson **before June 11**, the same day as the camp registration deadline. Send an email to Lance Johnson (lgustavj77@gmail.com) with your child(ren)'s name(s) and that you would like to be on the reimbursement list.

Please continue to save pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. All donations can be brought to the After-School Care room or to Mrs. Feistner in the front office. Thank you!

Softball Umpires needed. Mt. Olive Lutheran Grade School sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, May 18 at Caswell Park. Games begin at 9:00, so umps report by 8:45. The tournament usually gets done around 3:30. **We are looking for 2 volunteers** for umping. Umps do not need to worry about balls and strikes, since they just call the bases. Each batter gets 4 pitches to attempt to get a hit. Batters may still strike out. Umps will need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out on this day (all day or partial), contact Mr. Zibrowski by calling the school office at 345-7927 or emailing Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org.

The state of Minnesota has announced some changes pertaining to our practice of social distancing. Based on those changes, we will no longer ask that worshipers sit in alternate pews and maintain a distance of 6' from others. However, we ask that all be respectful of the wishes of others and maintain a safe distance. We are also planning to resume our former way of communing by kneeling at the communion rail, starting at our second service next Sunday, May 16th. Please note that for the time being we will continue our "continuous flow" system for communion which we have used for the past several months at the first service on Sunday and the Monday evening service.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we begin the transition back to our “normal” worship practices.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Classic (July 12) The 2021 MVL Classic is coming July 12 at the New Ulm Country Club. This annual outing supports our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for a Christ-centered education at MVL. Each year - through sponsorships, golf fees, and outright donations - thousands of dollars are raised for MVL families in the coming school year. Sponsorship opportunities are currently open for both businesses and individuals; contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org for more information. Let's tap-in for tuition assistance!

MVL Routes with Palmer Bus Service Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for MVL routes. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com to learn more.

Bethany Lutheran College

Open Positions: BLC is currently taking applications for these positions:

- Admissions Counselor
- Adjunct Faculty- Nursing Department (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor - Business Administration

More information on these jobs can be found at <http://www.blc.edu/jobs>

Bibles and Hymnals and Gifts ... Oh My! Have you visited the Bethany Lutheran College Bookstore lately? The Bookstore carries a variety of Bibles, hymnals, prayer books, devotionals, and gifts perfect for Confirmation and Graduation. In addition, embossing is available and completed right in the store for a faster turnaround. Stop by the Bookstore to check out the variety of Christian books and gifts!

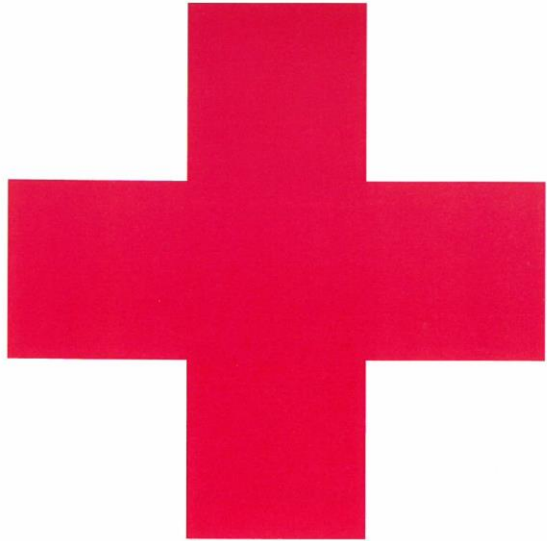
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Jesus Loves Me Learning Center Position Openings: JLMLC in North Mankato is looking for Infant and Preschool lead teacher and aides who have a passion for children, patience, a sense of humor and good communication skills. We offer flexible schedules, competitive pay, and opportunities for advancement. Call or email LaShawn Smith at directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or (507) 345-7707 for more information or an application.

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