



## TRINITY 1

Sunday, June 6, 2021, 8:30 & 10:00 am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Adam Pavelchik

**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 **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack or on the WELCOME table). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

### **Explanation of the Week:**

*As we make our way through this world, we can be tempted to become invested in worldly things. Satan constantly tries to lure us away from God and away from the promised inheritance of Heaven. He wants us to trade out God's promises for immediate gratification, worldly comfort, power, or prestige. Sadly, many people fall into this trap. God warns his people against this. God says that we should not glory in wisdom, might, or riches—"But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me!" (Jeremiah 9:23-24) Similarly, Jesus teaches that those who desire to follow Him will have to pick up their crosses—and yet, though challenging and difficult, Jesus assures that those who do so, will see the Kingdom of God. (Matthew 16:24-27) This is what keeps the Christian going through the hardships and challenges of life—we know that we possess the Love of God. This enables us to live without fear of anything in this world and it moves us to go and show love to others. (1 John 4:16-21)*

**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).

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## 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 36 vv. 1, 3, 5, 6 All Glory Be to God Above**

*1. All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.*

*3. Lord God, our King on heaven’s throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son.  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to Thee we flee.*

*5. Thou only art the Holy One;  
Thou art o’er all things Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
Thee only as the Lord Most High;  
Thou art the Holy Ghost with Thee,  
One in the Father’s majesty.*

6. Amen, this ever true shall be,  
As angels sing adoringly.  
By all creation, far and wide,  
Thou, Lord, art ever glorified;  
And Thee all Christendom doth praise  
Now and through everlasting days.

~**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** (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. 158, #82)

P: Let us pray: O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

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## 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

#### **Jeremiah 9:23-24**

This is what the Lord says.

The wise man should not boast in his wisdom.

The strong man should not boast in his strength,  
nor the rich man in his riches.

Instead, let those who boast boast about this:  
that they have understanding, and that they know me.

They know that I am the Lord,  
who shows mercy, justice, and righteousness on earth,  
for I delight in these things, declares the Lord.

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

#### **Hymn 409 v. 1, *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower***

*1. Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower;*

*Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy.*

*Thee will I love with all my power,*

*With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.*

*Thee will I love, O Light Divine,*

*So long as life is mine.*

## ~Epistle Lesson

**1 John 4:16-21** We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. In this way his love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

~**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 422 vv. 1, 3, 4 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake**

1. *“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,  
“All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.*

3. *“I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the Refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.*

4. *“Thus when you find most hot the fray,  
I at your side stand ready;  
The fight is Mine, I lead the way,  
At all times firm and steady.  
A soldier false who will not heed  
When Christ the Captain takes the lead!*

**~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Matthew 16:24-27** Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father together with his angels, and then he will repay everyone according to his actions.

**C:** ♪ *God be prais-èd for His glad ti-dings.*

**~Sermon Theme**

*Traveling with Christ*

1. *Say good-bye.*
2. *Pick up and carry your luggage.*
3. *Proceed with the journey, confident of its destination.*

**~Prayers**

*(ELH p. 48)*

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### 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.*

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**~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.**

**~General 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, Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. 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.**

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~Hymn 409 vv. 2 - 4, *Thee Will I Love, My Life, My Savior*

*2. Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior,  
Who art my best and truest Friend.  
Thee will I love and praise forever,  
For never shall Thy kindness end.  
Thee will I love with all my heart—  
Thou my Redeemer art!*

*3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,  
Whose radiance hath brought light to me.  
I thank Thee, who hast richly given  
All that could make me glad and free.  
I thank Thee that my soul is healed  
By what Thy lips revealed.*



4. *O keep me watchful, then, and humble;  
And suffer me no more to stray.  
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,  
Nor let me loiter by the way.  
Fill all my nature with Thy light,  
O Radianc strong and bright!*

**~Hymn 328 vv. 1, 2 *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness***

1. *Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,  
Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor;  
There with joy thy praises render  
Unto Him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.  
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,  
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.*

2. *Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him,  
For with words of life immortal  
Now He knocketh at thy portal.  
Haste to ope the gates before Him,  
Saying, while thou dost adore Him:  
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,  
And I nevermore will leave Thee.*

**~Hymn 422 vv. 2, 5, 6 *"I Am the Light; I Light the Way"***

2. *"I am the Light; I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the Way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.*

5. *"Who seeks to save on earth his life  
Without Me, he shall lose it;  
But who for Me in earthly strife  
Now loses it shall find it;  
Who counts the cross for Me too hard  
Is worthy not of Me, the Lord."*

6. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
In suffering be undaunted.  
For all who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of life they shall obtain.

**~Hymn 328 v. 4 Ah, How Hungers All My Spirit**

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit  
For the love I do not merit!  
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,  
Thought upon this food with longing,  
In the battle well-nigh worsted,  
For this cup of life have thirsted.  
For the Friend who here invites us  
And to God Himself unites us.

**~Hymn 409 vv. 5, 6, O Teach Me, Lord, to Love Thee Truly**

5. O teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly  
With soul and body, head and heart,  
And grant me grace that I may duly  
Practice fore'er love's sacred art.  
Grant that my ev'ry thought may be  
Directed e'er to Thee.

6. Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness,  
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,  
Not for the hope of high reward,  
For Thine own sake, O Light Divine,  
So long as life is mine.

**~Hymn 328 v. 8 Lord, by Love and Mercy Driven**

8. Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.

**~Hymn 325 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within me now:  
How blest am I! How good art Thou!

**~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 167 v. 6 *Lift Up the Voice and Strike the String***

*6. Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, every day,  
Till trav'ling days be ended.  
Sing out,  
Ring out  
Triumph glorious,  
O victorious,  
Chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation.*

**~Closing Prayer**

*(ELH p. 59)*

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)*

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*Officiant: Pastor John Petersen  
Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson /2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**  
**Sunday: 8:30am, 150; 10:00am, 143; Monday: 20**  
**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 39**

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**  
**Greeters: Steve & Lois Jaeger**  
**Offering Counters: John Schauer & Jim Gullixson**  
**Altar Guild: Elyse Haugen, Carol Leiferman**

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*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](http://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: June 6, 2021 — June 14, 2021**

<b>Sunday,</b> June 6	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	10AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	11AM	<b>Deadline: Moondogs tickets</b>
	6:30PM	<b>Soccer Camp VBS Planning meeting</b>
<b>Monday,</b> June 7	9AM	MOMs park playdate at Fallenstein Park
	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	7PM	Board of Education Meeting
	7PM	Board of Deacons Meeting
<b>Tues.,</b> June 8	9AM	Ladies Bible Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> June 9	10AM	Bethany Lutheran College Summer Chapel, Trinity Chapel
<b>Thur.,</b> June 10		
<b>Fri.,</b> June 11		<b>Deadline: Camp Indianhead early bird registration</b>
<b>Sat.,</b> June 12		
<b>Sunday,</b> June 13	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	10AM	Divine Worship
	3:30PM	Tailgate Party
	5:05PM	Moondogs game
	6PM-8PM	Artemis Board Gaming
<b>Monday,</b> June 14	<b>9AM</b>	<b>Flag Day!</b>
	9AM	<b>Due date for both <u>annual report</u> and July <u>Olive Press</u></b>
	5:30PM	MOMs park playdate at Fallenstein Park
	6:30PM	Board of Parish Education & Youth
	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	6:30PM	Church Council

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers:** Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Antonino Guerrero, Jr.

**If your child is interested** in riding a **bus to Camp Indianhead**, email James Merseth at [jt.merseth@gmail.com](mailto:jt.merseth@gmail.com). He's in the preliminary phase of getting something together. More information to follow.

**With vaccinations on the rise, the June Olive Press is chocked FULL of great activities and events! Pick up your 3-part copy today from the Narthex table and see what activities are available for you, your kids, or the whole family!**

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

**Options|Mankato is seeking ultrasound models for the training and competency of our Nurse Sonographer. Ultrasound Models receive a free ultrasound. Models must be in their first trimester of pregnancy.** Call 507-625-2229 for details.

**Donations needed!** During Vacation Bible School this year, the children will make birthday bags for the children that visit ECHO food shelf. Each bag includes cake mix and other items to help make their birthday special. If you would like to **donate a box of cake mix**, bring it to the church office. Thank you!

**The Ministry Marches On** will be presented as the program for the ELS Historical Society **Sunday, June 20 at 2:30 PM at Bethany** Lutheran College (Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center). All are invited to attend this free presentation.

**GOD has a plan for YOU!** Find out what His plan is and join us for a fun week at the **2021 Mount Olive Soccer Camp Vacation Bible School!** VBS takes place July 6-8 from 8:15-Noon this year, and is for students entering Preschool (age 4 by September 1, 2021) through 4th Grade (Fall 2021). You can expect Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks, a free t-shirt, and a fun week of soccer! There is no fee to attend Camp VBS; however, we will accept donations to help off-set the cost of materials and supplies. We are not able to accept late registrations, so be sure to **sign up by June 20:** <https://reg.planetreg.com/E517204349190907>

**The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study** is resuming on June 8, at 9:00 AM in the Social Hall. Join us as we continue our reading and discussion from the Book of Psalms.

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

**Don't miss out! *The June Olive Press* is chocked FULL of great activities and events! [Pick up all 3 parts today](#) from the Narthex table and see what activities are available!**

**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.

**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](mailto:lgustavj77@gmail.com)) with your child(ren)'s name(s) and that you would like to be on the reimbursement list.

**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 resuming our tradition of kneeling at the communion rail at our second service. 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 on July 12:** The 2021 MVL Classic is 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. Golfer registration is NOW OPEN at [mvlclassic.givesmart.com](http://mvlclassic.givesmart.com)! Contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto: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, especially for Redwood Falls and Mankato. We are also looking for "activities" drivers for competitions and events. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan today at [rayv@palmerbusservice.com](mailto:rayv@palmerbusservice.com) to learn more.

**Bethany Lutheran College**

**Track Clinic at BLC!** Bethany Lutheran College Track Camps are available for children and teens ages 2 years old (yes, 2) to 18 years old—a camp for everyone! Register online at <https://track.blcvikingscamps.com/clinics.cfm>

**Join Us for  
Mt. Olive's Annual  
TAILGATE  
PARTY &  
MOONDOGS  
GAME!**

**Sunday, June 13th**  
Tailgating Party @ Mt. Olive  
Parking Lot from 3:30-5p  
(Food & Drinks Provided)  
Game Time 5:05p @ ISG Field  
("The Frank")

**COST: \$6 per ticket**  
**PLEASE SIGN UP BY JUNE 6th**  
(Sign-Up sheet on Narthex Table.)

Questions?  
Contact Pr. Luke Ulrich

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