

TRINITY 8

Sunday, July 25, 2021, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Adam Pavelchik | Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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 (on the tables at the back of worship area). 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 worship area.

Explanation of the Week: *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matt 7:15-23). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer 23:16-29) They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will know them by their fruits." The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom 8:12-17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27-38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit, namely the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.*

Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)

“Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word. In this early morning hour, we rejoice to hear God’s Word proclaim to us the Good News that “He Is Risen!”



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)*

~**Hymn 219** *Lord, As Thou Wilt, Deal Thou with Me*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God* *(ELH 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** — *Opening sentences*

(ELH p. 109-110; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

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** — *Invitation to worship*

(ELH p. 110; Ps. 95:6)

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

C: ♪ For He is our Maker.

~**Venite exultemus** — *“Come! Let us exalt”*

(ELH p. 111; Ps. 95:1-7)

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.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 15:19-21 “If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you,” says the Lord. “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.”

~**Responsory** — *Response to hearing God’s Word*

(ELH p. 112)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 7:15-23 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,

nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

~Hymn 379 *Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus*

Epistle Lesson and Sermon Text

Philippians 3:7-11 But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

~Sermon

What is Worth More than Anything Else? Knowing Christ!

~Offering Hymn 278 vv.3-5 *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

~Offering Prayer

(We take this time to acknowledge and thank God for moving the hearts of His people to continue to support the mission and work of our church. Our ushers will bring the offering plates forward to the altar and the pastor will offer a prayer of thanks. Please Note: You may place any offerings into the plates on the stands at the main aisle entrance to the Sanctuary either before or after the service. Online giving is also available through mtolivelutheran.org or by text message through your smartphone by texting the amount you would like to give to 833-726-3742 (a link will be provided for first-time users to register an account).)

~Te Deum Laudamus — “We praise You, O God”

(ELH 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 – “Lord”

(ELH p. 116-117)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 117; 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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Prayers

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer* (ELH p. 118-119, 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 — *Call for blessing* (ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 119; 2 Cor 13:14)

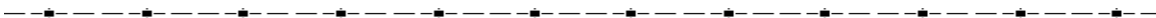
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 588 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

~Announcements

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another* (See "Prayers for Worship" —ELH p. 40)



Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: John Baumann



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE:
Sunday: 8:30am, 172/132; 10:00am, 168/99; Monday: 26/19
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 26



WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: Lon & Kathy Knudson, **Media Center:** John Baumann

Offering Counters: Beth Hoffman & Joni Bode

Altar Guild: Connie Meyer, Terri Westphal

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$10,133.12 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (as of 5/31/21): \$35,264

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

*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: July 25, 2021 — July 31, 2021

Sunday, July 25	8:30AM 10AM 6PM-8PM	Divine Worship Divine Worship Artemis Board Gaming
Monday, July 26	9AM 6:30PM	MOMs park playdate at Sibley Park Divine Worship
Tuesday, July 27	9AM	Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, July 28	10AM	BLC Summer Chapel, Trinity Chapel
Thur., July 29		
Frid., July 30		
Sat., July 31		

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Mark & Michelle Graham for all His wonderful blessings.

Confirmation classes for public and home school students entering 7th and 8th grade this fall will begin on Wednesday, August 25, at 4PM. Parents: contact the church office (507-345-4966) to enroll your student so that you receive the informational letter that will be mailed on August 2.

We are now looking for Sunday School teachers and a choir director for Pre K – 6th grade. We try to place two teachers per grade so that there can be some flexibility in scheduling. Contact our Superintendent, Lance Johnson at 507-720-2130 for more details. It's a joy to serve Jesus by serving His lambs!

Volunteer 5-6 Grade Soccer Coach Needed:Mt. Olive Lutheran School is in need of volunteer coaches for our soccer program for this school year. We are in need of at least 1 or 2 coaches for our B Team (5-6 grade). Practices would be from 4:30 to 6:00 at Mt Olive on Mondays and Thursdays. We are in two tournaments in September and play matches during the week usually on practice nights. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org. Thank you.

On the Narthex table: The next edition of Meditations. *July's Olive Press* and *Worship While Away*.

Tax season & Giving Statements! Be sure to check for your quarterly giving statement at the narthex table. The office is changing contribution software. Keep this statement for your tax records. Next quarter's statement will have just the third quarter's giving on it.

Friday, August 06, Mt. Olive hosts a blood drive. To schedule a donation appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1 800 733 2767.

Parsonage Painting! The trustees are looking to get the parsonage exterior painted this summer. We are looking for someone willing to supervise a volunteer painting crew. Dan Weichmann will prepare the exterior and get the supplies. After we have the supervisor, we'll set the dates and call for volunteers. Contact Juel Merseth at 507-381-3975.

If you need boxes this summer, check with the office. School orders are arriving. Air pillows, packing peanuts, and heavy-duty corrugated boxes are available.

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. Thank you!

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool announces its Back-To-School Picnic, **Tuesday, August 23**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool is located at Peace Lutheran Church, 2090 Commerce Drive, North Mankato. If you would like to enroll your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-old, contact Joslyn at 507-594-8929 or by email joslynmoldstad@gmail.com

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato, MN, is hiring for jobs as assistant teachers and teacher aides in our infant, toddler, and preschool rooms. Teaching experience is encouraged but not required. We look for applicants with friendly dispositions, reliability, and flexibility. Wages up to \$14 per hour depending on experience and education. Please contact LaShawn Smith at directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or (507) 508-2041.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Student Saturday! New 2 You resale store provides 75% of its quarterly profits to Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School to help defray tuition costs. Mount Olive has been asked to provide 4 MVL students and 2 adult volunteers for the morning and afternoon shifts on **Saturday, August 7**, 9:30-12:30, and 12:30-3:00. (This is a great volunteer opportunity for college resumes and for needed National Honor Society member hours!) Any available MVL students should sign up on the table in the Narthex, or call New 2 You at 507-385-1455. Thanks!

Pie bakers! The MVL Booster Club holds their annual auction **Saturday, August 21**, at 5 PM at Turner Hall in New Ulm (102 S State St, New Ulm, MN 56073). This year, they're looking for at least 1 pie from each MVL association congregation. If you'd like to bake a pie but cannot deliver it, contact David Bendix at 507.236.9898. He is the Auction Committee Chairman. Pies may be dropped off at Turner Hall between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM Saturday, August 21.

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 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! **Tuesday, July 27, is the deadline** to register. All registrations are completed online at <https://track.blcvikingscamps.com/clinics.cfm>

Community Opportunities

Female Minnesota State University at Mankato International student from Burma (PhD student) has a problem with her lease and needs a place to stay from July 20 to August 1. If anyone is able to house her for these dates please contact Dan Schwartz (MSU Assistant Director of International Student Advising - Member at St. John's Lutheran in New Ulm) Call or text him at his cell #: 1-920-297-0116.

Trinity Nicollet Ladies Guild Ice Cream and Pie Social is coming up Wednesday, July 28th, 2021 from 4:30-7:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy your choice of BBQ, Ham or Egg Salad sandwiches, Pie, Ice Cream and Root Beer Floats. We hope to see you there!

You are invited to the Annual Corn Feed at Trinity-Smiths Mill (Hwy 14 and Cty Rd 37) on Wednesday, August 4th, 5-7 pm. The menu will include: corn on the cob, BBQs, hot dogs, desserts, and beverages. A freewill offering will be accepted.

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.

Part-time church office secretary at Saint Peter Lutheran: Saint Peter Lutheran Church (Saint Peter, MN) is looking for an area WELS/ELS member to serve as a part-time church office secretary. The position involves various administrative duties that include the use of computer technologies such as Microsoft Office and Shepherd's Staff church software. Compensation is \$15 an hour. During the school year the position involves about 30 hours per week; fewer hours during summer. To request an application and job description, contact Pastor Jack Kelly at 224.430.3925 or email him at jkelly@saintpeterlutheran.org.

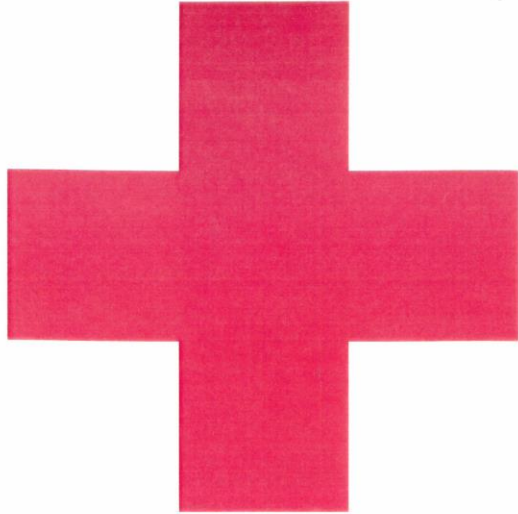
Part-time teacher at Saint Peter Lutheran: Saint Peter Lutheran School (Saint Peter, MN) is looking to hire a part-time teacher for 2 or 3 afternoons per week during the 2021-2022 school year. The individual supervises and teaches grades 7-8 from noon until 3:00 PM to provide our school principal with administrative time away from the

classroom. Responsibilities would include helping to supervise lunch and recess time, leading a devotion, and teaching a couple of afternoon classes. The specific weekdays would be negotiable. The subjects taught would also be negotiable based on the individual's interests, skills, and comfort levels with particular school subjects. Applicants should be a WELS or ELS member and have prior teaching experience or training. An education degree or teaching license is preferred but not necessary. Compensation is \$5000 per school year for 2 weekdays or \$7500 per school year for 3 weekdays. Contact Principal Brad Gurgel at 407-274-7899 or bradgurgel@gmail.com for more information or to apply.

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Jesus Cares Ministries

Where the Care of the Soul is the Soul of Care®

Mt. Olive has a Jesus Cares Program

What is the “Jesus Cares Ministry”?

A ministry that brings the **Gospel message** to developmentally delayed people in our congregation and the community.

When and where does Jesus Cares meet?

The Jesus Cares group meets on the first and third Tuesday of **every** month in the Social Hall at Mt. Olive from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Some of the things done at Jesus Cares:

Each evening:

- begins with a devotion
- is followed by a greeting and the lesson for the week
- has singing of appropriate songs
- ends with a craft project that may be taken home

What might you do to help with this ministry?

- Be a door greeter
- Assist members in doing the art project**
- Volunteer to play the piano
- Keep this ministry in your prayers

If you would be interested in helping in any way, please email or contact Mary Born 388-9220, mborn@mtolivelutheran.org

** At our last meeting we had 13 participants and really **needed** more help doing the craft project. What a privilege to work with these precious people.

Church Picnic & Potluck at Duck Lake!

Come and join us on **Sunday, August 1st** from **2:30pm-7pm** at **Duck Lake Park** for Food, Fun, Games, Swimming, and other Activities!

**We will be Grilling Hotdogs starting at 4:30pm—
(Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!)**

Please bring your own beverages (NO glass containers allowed at the park).

Here are some other items you might bring with you:

- *Swimsuits, towels, beach toys, floaties, & sunscreen (if you care to swim...)*
- *Lawn games (goofy golf, bean bag toss, bocce ball, etc. to enjoy with friends...)*
- *Fishing poles & tackle (if you care to fish...)*
- *A boat (if you care to launch it at the nearby ramp and take people out for a ride...)*

**All are Welcome—
Invite your
family & friends!**

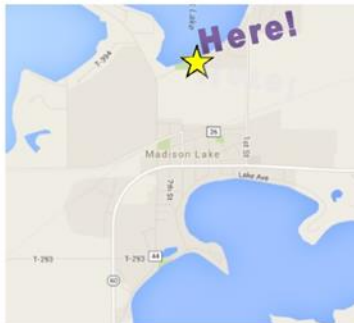


**No Need to Sign-Up...
Just Come on
out and join us!**



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**Duck Lake Park
61861 232nd Lane
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(On the southern shore of Duck Lake off County Road 187, about one-half mile north of the City of Madison Lake.)