



TRINITY 16

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 8:30AM & 10:45 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

Explanation of the Week: *A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11-17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, "Young man, I say to you, arise." Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:14-21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman's son (2 Kings 17:17-24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. "To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever."*

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 293 vv. 1, 4 O What Precious Balm**

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

(ELH p. 41-42, II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

(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. 147-166, #112)

P: Let us pray

Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may be continually given to all good works; 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.

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

Deuteronomy 32:39-40 Now see that I, only I, am he, and there is not a god comparable to me. I put to death and I make alive. I wound and I heal. There is no one who can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and I swear: "As I live forever."

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 7:11-17 Soon afterward Jesus went on his way to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd were traveling with him. As he was approaching the town gate, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother. She was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not cry." He went up to the open coffin, touched it, and the pallbearers stopped. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear gripped all of them, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us" and "God has visited his people!" This was reported about him in all of Judea and in all the surrounding countryside.

~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.

~Hymn 281 vv. 1-3, 5, 6 *O Love How Deep*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

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.

~Sermon

A Prisoner's Prayer

- 1. Paul prays for his friends, that they would be kept from becoming discouraged by what he was suffering.*
- 2. And, that their faith would be strengthened.*
- 3. And, their knowledge and understanding of Christ's love would be increased.*

~Offering Hymn 293 vv. 5 *Lord, on Thee Alone I Stay Me*

~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)

~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.**

~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.

~Distribution

Hymn 322 *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread*

Hymn 499 vv. 1-5 *Now I Have Found the Ground*

Hymn 308 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Hymn 307 *I Know Thee, Savior*

~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.**

~**Hymn 499 vv. 6** *Fixed on this Ground Will I Remain*

~**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)

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 178; 10:45am, 109; Monday: 14

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 50

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st service: Steve & Lois Jaeger

2nd Service: Joyce Peterson & Peggy Harstad

Media Center: David Norris

Offering Counters: Mark Graham & Mark Olson

Altar Guild: Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$14,578.45 (includes text & on-line giving)

Colossians 3:17 ***And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.***

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 11:30AM.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *September 19, 2021 — September 25, 2021*

Sunday, September, 19	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion No Sunday School and Bible Study Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday, September 20	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
Tuesday, September 21		
Wednesday, September 22		
Thursday, September 23		
Friday, September 24	9:45AM	Charger Challenge Postponed until October 1
Saturday, September 25		

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Ron & Becky Bequette.

On the Narthex table: September’s *Olive Press*.

Sign Up for Coffee & Treats! If you would like to provide coffee and treats during our Sunday morning Bible Study, visit our website mtolivelutheran.org for further information and the Coffee Servers Sign Up link at the bottom of the page. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:00 AM to prepare the coffee (regular and decaffeinated) and serve 4-5 dozen treats.

Mount Olive Clothing Order The Booster Club has put together an order form filled with a variety of Mount Olive Clothing. Order forms can be found in the Narthex or Church office. **Orders need to be turned in to the office or Mr. Z by 8:00 am on **Tuesday, September 28.**** Payment is due at the time of the order. Checks can be made

out to the Mount Olive Booster Club. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Z or Carla DeWitt. (314-920-3480)

To kick off the new school year, we are aiming for back-to-back Sunday youth events: 1) On Sunday, September 26, join us at Bethany Lutheran College for the 28th annual Theatre Physics. We'll start the afternoon at 12:30 p.m. with pizza and devotion in YFAC 104, followed by the 2:00 p.m. show in the theatre. Aim to pick up your son/daughter from the YFAC around 3:30 p.m.

2) On Sunday, October 2, the Bethany Lutheran College Jazz Band performs their fall concert under the tent! Meet at 4:30 p.m. in YFAC 104 for a devotion, then enjoy the music, starting at 5:00 p.m.. Following the concert, dinner will be provided and the youth event should conclude around 6:30 p.m.

Mount Olive Church has the opportunity to host one of the choirs participating in the National Choral Festival at MLC, **November 12-14, 2021** under the theme "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord." Lord willing, this national festival will gather around 500 high school students from around the country to join their voices together in praise to our Lord. Along with the national festival comes the responsibility of hosting these young people. We are asking if you would be willing to host a student/s in your home, the responsibilities are as follows:

- Choirs and their directors will stay with hosts from our congregation Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings.
- The high school choir will sing for our Sunday morning services.
- Hosts will provide Friday, Saturday, and Sunday breakfast and Sunday noon meal.
- MLC or the high school will provide transportation to and from our church throughout the weekend. The hosts would be responsible to pick them up and drop them off at church.

Please call the church office if you would be willing to host students in your home.

We are still 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!

CONNECT GROUPS Are Underway! Would you like to join a group and Connect with the conversation? Encourage and be encouraged by one another as we review the main points from Sunday's Service. For more information and to sign-up with a Connect Group see the display on the Narthex Table. Qs? Contact Pr. Luke Ulrich. lukeulrich@gmail.com

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for MVL students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for the Mankato MVL route, as well as "activities" drivers for sporting competitions and events. These part-time positions include paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan today at rayv@palmerbusservice.com or call 507-995-5387 to learn more about employment opportunities with Palmer Bus Service.

Bethany Lutheran College

In Depth: Biblical Archaeology Archaeological Limitations and Bible Interpretation: Tues., Sept. 21st, 7:00-8:00PM, on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College, in Meyer Hall room 101, Rev. Joe Abrahamson will give a presentation on Archaeology. What can a person say about the past by looking through the garbage they threw out thousands of years ago? We will discuss how to evaluate Archaeology, its discoveries and claims made ...with due caution. Everyone is welcome to attend. Part of the In Depth series.

Bethany's Theatre Physics is happening **September 24, 25, and 26!** Don't miss your opportunity to see the 28th year of hilarious hijinks, impressive physical feats, and just a touch of romance... Performances are at 7:00 and 9:00 on the 24th, 4:00 and 7:00 on the 25th, and 2:00 on the 26th. To reserve your tickets, visit blc.edu/box-office.

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the following positions:

- Maintenance Technician
- Custodian - Academic Buildings

Please visit the Bethany Jobs page on our website for additional information.

Community Opportunities

New 2 You Family Thrift Are you looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Are you looking for a way to support Christian education with your time and talents? Then volunteering at the New 2 You Family Thrift Store may be the opportunity for you. Mt. Olive provides volunteers at the store the first Saturday of each month. The next Mt. Olive Saturday is **October 2.** Both morning and afternoon shifts are available. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. Your time and support is much appreciated!

New 2 You Family Thrift Store in North Mankato is looking for a part-time manager assistant. You must be able to lift 30 lbs, must work at least one Saturday a month. You would be required to work 15 hours or less a week. Hours during the week vary as needed. Contact Christine Doering or Jen Selvey at 507-385-1455 or stop by the store to pick up an application.

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study. Thursday mornings from 8:00-10am, September 16 – November 18 at Peace Lutheran Church. Responsibilities include reading Bible stories, singing songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack. This is a paid position. Transportation can be arranged from Mt. Olive if needed. *Must pass State of MN background check. Contact: Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com)

ELS/WELS Singles meet up event: Meet at Montgomery Orchard, 11am, **October 9th**, 2021. Weather permitting. Stay as long as you like. The address is: 15953 State Hwy 99, Montgomery, MN 56069. www.montgomeryorchard.com. Corn maze, walking trails, apple picking, etc. If you plan on going, email rmoldstad@gmail.com



**VOLLEYBALL
IS BACK!**

Sunday Nights - 7:30pm - 10pm
(Beginning September 12th)

Adult, Coed, Recreational, Pickup, Volleyball Games
@ **Mt. Olive Gym** | Qs? *Contact Brian Strom*



(and buy something at the ->)

Mission Support
Make/Bake Sale

Next Sunday - September 26



(There will be something for everyone.)