

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, November 21, 2021, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

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: *“The day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night” (1 Thess 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. “For you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” (Matt 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is 65:17-25).*



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 167 vv. 1, 5, 7** *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness*

(ELH p. 60, II; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: 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 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.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

~**Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(ELH p. 62; Jeremiah 29:11-12)

P: I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord,

C: Thoughts of peace and not of evil.

P: Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me,

C: And I will listen to you.

P: Lord, You have been favorable to Your land;

C: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

~**Gloria Patri**

(ELH p. 62)

C: ♪ 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.

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

(ELH p. 63, I; Mk 10:47)

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

~**Canticle 359 vv. 1, 4** *This Is The Feast*

~**Salutation** — *The People’s Blessing for the Pastor’s Work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** — *The Congregation’s Prayer of the Day*

(ELH p. 66; #136)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, make us watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He shall stand at the door and knock, He may find us not sleeping in carelessness and sin, but awake and rejoicing in His appearance; through the same, Your beloved 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**

Isaiah 65:17-19 Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered. They will not come to mind. Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating. Watch this! I am about to create

Jerusalem to be a source of gladness, and her people will be a source of joy. I also will be glad because of Jerusalem, and I will rejoice over my people. The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again, nor will the sound of crying.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

(ELH p. 68)

P: The Holy Gospel for today is written in the 25th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

Matthew 25:1-13 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ But he answered, ‘Amen I tell you: I do not know you.’ Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 69)

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 544 Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

1. All
2. Senior Choir
3. All

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Hebrews 10:32-39 Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

~Sermon

As The Last Day Approaches, Remember!

1. Remember your first love.
2. Remember God's glorious promise.
3. Remember that Christ is coming soon.
4. Remember to keep the faith.

~Offertory — Prayer of Renewal before Offering

(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~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. 71-72)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

(Special petitions are included)

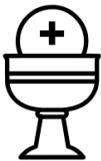
P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

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” (or “Membership 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

(ELH p. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 75)

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 with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus — “Holy”

(ELH p. 76)

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

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)

P: 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.

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution (ELH p. 78; 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."

~The Pax Domini — *"The Peace of the Lord"* (ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Agnus Dei — *"Lamb of God"* (ELH p. 79ff; 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 at the direction of ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 320 vv. 2, 3, 4, 6 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed

Hymn 474 I'm But a Stranger Here

Hymn 542 In Heaven Above

Hymn 397 O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

~Dismissal — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~Nunc Dimittis — *"Now I Depart"* (ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ **Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 83, 11)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

~Salutation — *The people's blessing for the Pastor's work*

(ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 84; 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 534 vv. 7, 14 *Jerusalem the Golden*

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

(See "Prayers for Worship"

—ELH p. 40)

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 184; 10:45am, 148; Monday: 30

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 42

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters:

1st service: Greg & Janet Costello, Joni Bode

2nd Service: Bob & Donna Fosburgh

Media Center: David Norris

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$16,868.94 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Deficit (as of 10/31/21): \$18,045

Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "[donate online](#)".

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.

Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Hal & Marsha Natvig for their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Harriet Roberts, mother of Marsha.

On the Narthex table Meditations and Volunteer sign up sheets.



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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *November 21, 2021 — November 28, 2021*

Sunday, November 21	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship MOMS Pie Bake Sale
	3:30PM	Youth Event – Meet at Mt Olive
	7:30PM	Volleyball
Monday, November 22	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	6:30PM	Board for Stewardship
Tuesday, November 23	9AM	Ladies Bible Study (Gospel of Matthew)
Wednesday, November 24		NO SCHOOL Church Office Closed
	9:00AM	Adult Bible Study (Book of Lamentations)
	6:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service Pie Social
Thursday, November 25		NO SCHOOL Church Office Closed
	10:00AM	Thanksgiving Divine Service
Friday, November 26	10AM-3PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, November 27		
Sunday, November 28	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-8PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Mount Olive has been asked back to help with Kiwanis Holiday Lights this year. This is a great opportunity to promote our church and school within the community. We will be displaying a Christmas tree decorated to boldly confess Christ crucified, and Mt. Olive also receives a portion of the donations. If you would like to help we're looking for **8 volunteers, December 9 from 4:40-9:00pm** to hand out brochures and direct traffic etc. Thank you!

7th-12th Grade Youth, today all are invited to decorate the Christmas tree for the

Kiwanis Light Display, followed by a soup supper and games at the Faugstad residence. Meet at **3:30 p.m.** in the Mt. Olive parking lot to carpool to Kiwanis, at Sibley Park around 4:45 p.m., we'll then make our way over to Ben and Ashley Faugstad's home (59206 N. Victory Dr., Mankato). Pick at Mt. Olive's parking lot by **7:15 p.m.**

Mt. Olive crafters: just a reminder that the Evangelism Committee will be collecting warm hats for cancer patients at the Andreas Cancer Center and the Oncology department at the Mankato Clinic. Please drop off your finished work in the church office. Thank you!

Please continue to save your pop tabs! After School Care will be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Drop off your collected tabs in the office or in After School Care. Thank you!

After School Care would like to tie fleece blankets in December as a service project. These blankets will be given to The Reach for homeless or at risk youth in the Mankato area. If you would like to donate fleece, please bring it to the school office or the ASC room. Thank you!

Cleaning out your closet? In December, we will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and snow pants for the clients of Wellcome Manor in Garden City, MN.

Annual Food Drive, ends today! Non perishable food donations will benefit ECHO Food Shelf. Place donations in the specially marked boxes near the Narthex or outside any classroom.

Bethany Lutheran College

Bethany Lutheran College is proud to present their annual Christmas at Bethany concerts! Taking place in Trinity Chapel, these concerts proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth through song and scripture. Concert dates are **December 2 and 3 at 5pm and December 4 and 5 at 3pm.** The concerts are free, but a reservation is preferred. Seats can be reserved by visiting blc.ticketleap.com.

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the following positions, please see our website for additional information.

- Maintenance Technician
- Custodian - Academic Buildings
- Production Studio Specialist
- Adjunct Faculty (Public Relations)

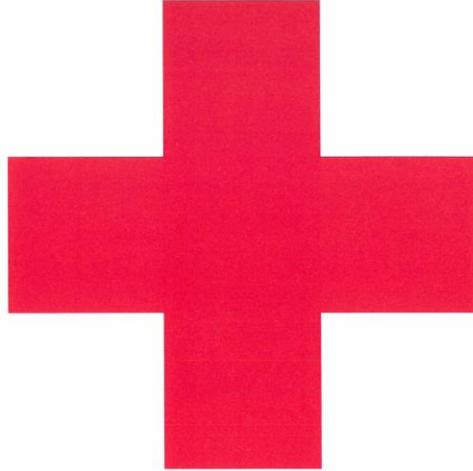
Community Opportunities

New 2 You expanded hours for the Holidays until **December 18th**. Monday closed, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am - 4:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. Hope to see you all soon!

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Thanksgiving Pie Social



COME AND JOIN US IN
THANKSGIVING - OVER PIE!

Enjoy Fellowship
following our **Thanksgiving Eve Service**
November 24th, 6:30pm
In our **Social Hall** for an
assortment of Pie & Coffee



Please Invite
Neighbors, Family & Friends
to Join Us!



Mount Olive
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Moms On a Mission Bible Study

PIE SALE

Sunday, November 21st
at Mt. Olive and Peace

Cherry
French Apple
Pecan
Pumpkin
(all homemade)



Funds raised are used to pay for childcare during bible study (approximately \$600 is needed to fund one session...10 meeting of bible study)

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