



## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** card (On the Welcome table and in front of you in the pew). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.

**Explanation of the Week:** *From Martin Luther's sermon on the Baptism of Christ, 1534: "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are indeed in and with this water of Baptism, as they were there on the banks of the Jordan when Christ stood in the water, the Holy Spirit hovered over it, and God the Father spoke. This is why Baptism is a water that takes away sin, death, and every evil and helps us to enter heaven and eternal life....Since He is in this water, this must be the real aqua vitae, the "water of life," which drives away death and hell and makes one eternally alive."*



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 173 vv. 1-3, 5** *The Stars Proclaim the King is Here*

~**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; Psalm 100:1-2, Is 6:1, Rev. 19:6)

P: I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up.

**C: I heard the voice of a great multitude saying,**

P: "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

**C: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands.**

P: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come into His presence with a song.

~**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, l; Mk 10:47)

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

~**The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**— *"Glory to God in the Highest"*

(ELH p. 64-66; Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

~**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; #37)

P: Let us pray: Father in heaven, as at our Lord's baptism in the Jordan river You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in His name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with Him be heirs of life eternal; 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

**Isaiah 42:1-7** Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight.  
I am placing my Spirit on him.  
He will announce a just verdict for the nations.  
He will not cry out.  
He will not raise his voice.  
He will not make his voice heard in the street.  
A bent reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.  
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.  
He will not burn out, and he will not be broken  
until he establishes justice on the earth.  
The coastlands will wait for his law.  
This is what the true God says,  
the Lord who creates the heavens and stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth  
and everything that it produces,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and life to those who walk on it.  
I am the Lord.  
I have called you in righteousness.  
I will hold on to your hand,  
and I will guard you.  
I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,  
to be a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,

## ~Epistle Lesson

**1 Corinthians 26-31** For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, so that no one may boast before God. But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. God did this so that, just as it is written, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

~Alleluia — *"God Be Praised"*

(ELH p. 67)

**C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 68)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

~Hymn 247 vv. 1-4 *To Jordan Came Our Lord*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(ELH p. 68)

**Matthew 3:13-17** Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

**~Sermon**

*“Behold! God’s Chosen Servant.”*

- 1. A Surprising Choice to Us.*
- 2. God’s Choice for Saving Us.*

**~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](http://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.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 85; 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.**

~Hymn 247 vv. 5-7 *To His Disciples Jesus Said*

~Collect

(ELH p. 86-87, form III)

P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, unto Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word, as becomes it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

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

(ELH p. 87; 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 246 vv. 1, 5 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

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

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

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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson /2<sup>nd</sup>: Elisabeth Urtel*

*Preservice Music: Mathias Barents*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 120/93; 10:45am, 121/86; Monday: 20/17**

**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 33**  
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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> service: Nate & Heidi Graham, and Vivian Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Dan & Joanne Maas

**Media Center:** John Baumann

**Offering Counters:** Steve Lussky, John Pfeffer

**Altar Guild:** Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

**Weekly Financial Update**

**Given Last Week:** \$20,758.02 (includes text & on-line giving)

*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*".

**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: January 9, 2022 — January 16, 2022**

<b>Sunday,</b> January 9	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 6-9PM 7:30PM	Divine Worship Sunday School and Bible Study Divine Worship Artemis Gaming Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> January 10	9:30AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Pastor's Area Conference Divine Worship Church Council
<b>Tues,</b> January 11		
<b>Wednesday</b> January 12	8:10AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class
<b>Thur.</b> Jan. 13		
<b>Fri.</b> January 14		
<b>Sat.</b> January 15		
<b>Sunday,</b> January 16	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion Sunday School and Bible Study Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion Volleyball



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School**

**Feeling under the weather?** For the time being, please stay at home and view the service on our Facebook page. Then, be sure to come back to worship “in person” just as soon as you can!



### **The giving envelopes are here!**

The giving envelopes are in the hallway and in numerical order. Your envelope number has not changed. If you are unsure what your envelope number is, just check the list provided on the tables or on the wall, which are in alphabetical order. Thank you for your patience as we waited for these to arrive, and a special thank you to Jim Gullixson for helping us get them ready for pickup!

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion the delayed envelopes have caused. As you continue to bring your first fruits, we are thankful for all of your support of God’s work at Mt Olive!

**Flowers** If you would like to provide flowers or a plant, the Flower Calendar is in the hallway diagonally from the kitchen and the newer band room. **Thank you!**



**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](http://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.

**On the Narthex table** January’s Olive Press, and Volunteer sign up sheets.

**Mount Olive is in need of volunteers** for setting up and serving catered lunches for funerals held at the church. Sign up on the table in the Narthex if you can assist us in this important work. Call the church office with any questions. Thank you!

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

**Aftercare** has a wish list on Amazon under Michelle Graham ASC wish list. After School Care is putting together a farmer’s market dramatic play center. We are in need of clean, plastic honey bottles. Bring in any donations to the school office in the ASC room. 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!

**ELS Winter Youth Retreat** and Trip to Nickelodeon Universe. 7th – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to a Winter Youth Retreat at Heritage Lutheran in Apple Valley. **January 28th to 29th**. The retreat will include an evening of fun, games, and Bible Study on Friday night with a trip to Nickelodeon Universe (NU) on Saturday. The cost is \$30 per student and covers a five-hour unlimited ride pass to NU as well as food and drinks while at Heritage. Bring cash or make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church the day of. Go to [peacemankato.com/retreat](http://peacemankato.com/retreat) to sign up and for more details. Students must sign-up by **January 23rd** to guarantee their spot.

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Bethany Lutheran College** is taking applications for the following positions, see our website for additional information. Maintenance Technician, Custodian - Academic Buildings, Production Studio Specialist, Adjunct Faculty (Public Relations)

### **Community Opportunities**

**The Evangelical Lutheran Synod** invites applications for the position of Business Administrator. Request job description from Keith Wiederhoeft, 6 Browns Court, Mankato MN 56001. Keithw@blc.edu. 507-344-7395. Please submit resume and references to President Glenn R. Obenberger at the same address by **January 10**. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting or finance. Benefits include health, life insurance, and pension plan. Start date after March 1, 2022.

**New 2 You Family Thrift – Volunteers Needed** Mt. Olive provides volunteers at New 2 You the first Saturday of every month. Volunteers run the cash register to check out customers and bag their purchases, along with helping display new merchandise. It's a great opportunity to get to know fellow church members better and also meet new people. Take some time to shop while you are there!

**The next Mt. Olive Saturday is February 5** Both morning and afternoon shifts are available. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. Your time and support is much appreciated...and it supports Christian education! Please call New 2 You at 507-345-1455 if you have any questions. Thank you!



**Mount Olive Lutheran Church**  
**Mission Statement**

The mission of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through God's Word, so that souls are called into and kept in the Christian faith unto eternal life.