

## EPIPHANY 2

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 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 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:** *The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that "the mountains shall drip with sweet wine." (Amos 9:11-15) When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine. (Jn 2:1-11) With this sign Christ manifests His glory. The "back" of God (Ex 33:12-23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation's curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Groom will give His life for the Bride (Eph 5:22-32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to "be kindly affectionate to one another, in honor giving preference to one another." (Rom 12:6-16)*



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 172 vv. 1, 2, 4 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

~**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 of Sin**

*(pp. 60-61, form I)*

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: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

**C: I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

**C: Amen**

~**Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(*ELH p. 62; Psalm 66:1-5, 20*)

P: All the earth shall worship You,

**C: And sing praises to You, O God.**

P: They shall sing praises to Your name;

**C: To Your name, O Most High.**

P: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

**C: Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.**

P: Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!

**C: All the earth shall sing praises to You."**

P: Come and see the works of God;

**C: He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.**

**Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer,  
nor His mercy from me!**

~**Gloria Patri** — *"Glory to the Father"*

(*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, 1; 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; #22)

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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

**Deuteronomy 18:15-19** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. That is exactly what you asked from the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the Lord my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die." Then the Lord said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

### ~Epistle Lesson

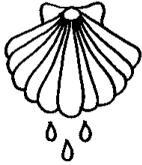
**Romans 12:6-16** We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully. Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests. Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

~Alleluia — “God Be Praised”

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### The Order of Holy Baptism (2<sup>nd</sup> Service Only)

*(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing “with water through the Word” is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God’s grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that “all nations” be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one’s baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)*

~Baptism of Charles Daniel Reagles

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(ELH p. 133ff)

~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 111 vv. 1, 2, 4 *When Sinners See Their Lost Condition*

## ~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(ELH p. 68)

**John 2:1-11** Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did. When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!" This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

## ~Sermon

*"Divine Help Is Revealed at a Wedding"*

## ~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.

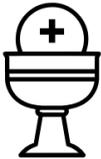
**C: Lord have mercy.**

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.

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### III. The Service of Holy Communion



*(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)*

*Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38-40.)*

- **Guests & Visitors:** *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion" (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.*

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#### ~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; and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory 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 187 Our Father, By Whose Name**

**Hymn 316, 317 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior**

**Hymn 190 O Blest the House Whate'er Befall**

**~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. 82-83, form 1)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: ♪ And His mercy endures forever.**

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 181 vv. 5, 7 *Ye Heights of Heaven Adore Him*

~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>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 179; 10:45am, 95; Monday: 20**

**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:** Adam Pavelchik

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

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

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**Weekly Financial Update**

**Given Last Week:** \$18,222.82 (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.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 16, 2022 — January 23, 2022***

<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
<b>Monday,</b> January 17	6:30PM	<b>No School</b> Divine Worship
<b>Tuesday</b> January 18	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b> January 19	8:10AM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel <b>No Adult Bible Study</b> Confirmation Class Choir
<b>Thur.</b> Jan. 20		
<b>Fri.</b> January 21		
<b>Sat.</b> January 22		
<b>Sunday,</b> January 23	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 6-9OM 7:30PM	Divine Worship Sunday School and Bible Study Divine Worship Artemis Gaming Volleyball

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



**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.

**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** Volunteer sign up sheets.

**Charger Classic Volunteers:** The Charger Classic is on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Bethany College. This is Mt Olive's only big fundraiser for our sports program. We are in need of volunteers to make this day a success. We have some time slots to be filled in the various gyms. If you would like to volunteer please copy the following link into your browser and it will take you to our sign up sheet. Click on Saturday, Jan. 22 and it will open up for you to see the slots. Thank you. <https://signup.com/go/ZvyiFUG>

**Charger Classic Donation:** If you would like to make a donation towards items needed for the Charger Classic, you can access our sheet at the following site: <https://signup.com/go/GSUVDu0> Copy the link into your browser and click on Jan. 22 to open up the sheet. Thank you.

**Mount Olive is in need of volunteers** to set up and serve 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.

**Mt. Olive crafters:** 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!

**After School Care** has a wish list on Amazon under Michelle Graham ASC wish list. Thank you!



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

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth!** ELS Winter Youth Retreat at Heritage Lutheran in Apple Valley. **January 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.** 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 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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

**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!

**The Board of Directors** of New 2 You Family Thrift Store, Inc are pleased to be able to make the following disbursements to MVL and our association churches. We continue to see increased sales and profits available to support your efforts in sharing God's Word.

MVL:	\$25,500.00
St Paul's Lutheran Church	\$1700.00
St Mark's Lutheran Church	\$1700.00
Mt Olive Lutheran Church	\$1700.00
Peace Lutheran Church	\$1700.00
Trinity Lutheran Church	\$1700.00

These distributions are based on profits for the quarter ending December 31, 2021.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars®** Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year. Mount Olive is a participating organization. Eligible Thrivent Financial members with available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31** to direct them. Go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



*“Moms supporting Moms in raising godly children”*

**Spring Semester Moms On a Mission Bible study (MOMs)**

**begins February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>!** Once again, there are two opportunities for MOMs bible study in the new year: Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Both groups will be going

through the study, “God’s Love” by Marilyn Miller. This study will help us ponder the magnitude of God’s love and how it influences all aspects of our lives. Materials will be provided. Childcare is provided for the Thursday morning study. If joining MOMs study for the first time, please email the facilitator of the group you plan to attend, so we have adequate materials.

	<b>Wednesday Afternoon M.O.M.s</b>	<b>Thursday Morning M.O.M.s</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>February 2-April 6, 2022</b> 1-2:30pm, <b>NO CHILDCARE</b>	<b>February 3-April 7, 2022</b> 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10) <b>CHILDCARE PROVIDED</b>
<b>Where:</b>	Mt. Olive’s Fireside Room	Peace Lutheran Church
<b>Study:</b>	“God’s Love” by Marilyn Miller	“God’s Love” by Marilyn Miller
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Kristen Lukasek (mattlukasek@yahoo.com)	Heidi Graham (heidijennifergraham@gmail.com)

Moms On a Mission Bible Study exists to create a support group of Christian moms that meet to grow in their relationships with the Lord, discuss parenting from a biblical perspective, and provide opportunity for fellowship with others in the same stage of life. M.O.M.s is for any mother, any age.



Do you see an indicator of the American flag in the logo?

Do you see the shape of the fish, and ancient symbol for the Christian church?

Do you see the red, swooping cross?

Then you see us, standing

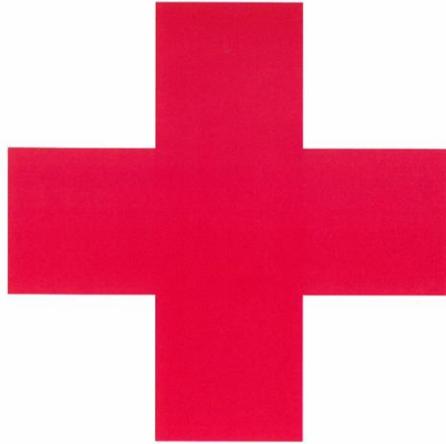
**Shoulder to Shoulder.**

*Pastor, Congregation + school,  
Thank you for your steadfast support of our LMSJ. Recently we have made a substantial grant to the "Jesus Cares" ministry to have services on military bases for dependants Special Needs folks. Thank you for all your help and a safe New Year. In His Service  
Semper Fi  
John*

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Mount Olive Lutheran Church**

Gym  
1123 Marsh Street  
Mankato, MN 56001

**Friday, February 18, 2022**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.  
If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and  
enter: MTOLIVEKATO to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to  
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**Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by  
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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.