



EPIPHANY 3

Sunday, January 23, 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: *The authority that Jesus displays over sickness and disease points us to the fact that He has the authority of God (Matthew 8:1-13). This brings great comfort to us because it means that our loving Savior, Jesus, also has the authority to free those who are imprisoned by sin; He has the authority to restore holiness to people and give those who are spiritually dead, new life. This authority of God is now shared with us in ways that might come as a surprise, as it did for Naaman as he was cured of leprosy, only when he was willing to humble himself and submit to God's authority, going and washing in the Jordan River (2 Kings 5:1-15). Still today, God's authority over sin and death is shared with us in ways that might not seem to be powerful. It is shared in the water of Baptism, in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, in the pages of the Bible. Instead of rejecting God's authority found in these places, we rejoice in them and in faith turn to them for healing of our sins and strengthening of our faith. We rejoice in God and how He uses His authority to serve us and to work for our good. We see that God chooses to not use His authority to repay our evil with evil, but to overcome all evil with His goodness (Rom 12:16-21).*

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 202 Thou, Whose Almighty Word**

~**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 97:1-12)

P: The heavens declare His righteousness,
and all the peoples see His glory.

**C: For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods**

P: The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of isles be glad!

**C: He preserves the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.**

P: Light is sown for the righteous,
and gladness for the upright in heart.

**C: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.**

~**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, 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; #24)

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and
in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty, to help

and defend us; 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

2 Kings 5:1, 9-15 Na'aman, the commander of the king of Aram's army, was a great man in the opinion of his master. He was highly honored because the Lord had provided victory for Aram through him. Although he was a powerful warrior, he had leprosy. ... So Na'aman went with his horses and chariots and stopped in front of the door of Elisha's house. But Elisha sent a messenger out to him to say, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan. Then your flesh will be restored and you will be clean." But Na'aman was angry and he left, saying, "Look, I said to myself, 'He will certainly come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and wave his hand over the place, and I will be cured of the leprosy!' Aren't the Abana and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went away in a burning rage. But his servants approached and spoke to him. They said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not do it? How much more when he says to you, 'Wash and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean. Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, "To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant."

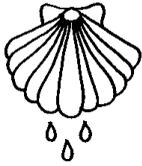
~Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:16-21 Have the same respect for one another. Do not be arrogant but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves. Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord. But: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

~Alleluia — “God Be Praised”

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The Order of Holy Baptism (2nd 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 Caden James Sorensen

(ELH p. 133ff)

~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 200 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 *There Many Shall Come From the East*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 8:1-13 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed him. Just then, a leper came to him and bowed down to him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean.” Immediately he was healed of his leprosy. Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one. Instead, go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him and pleaded with him, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed and suffering terribly.” Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. But only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he

comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled. He said to those who were following him, “Amen I tell you: I have not found such great faith in anyone in Israel. I tell you that many will come from the east and the west and will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Jesus said to the centurion, “Go. Let it be done for you as you have believed.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.

~Sermon

“Do You Respect Authority?”

~Offering Hymn 193 vv. 1, 4, 5, 6 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

~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.

~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.

~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 171 *O Word of God Incarnate*

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

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

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: John Baumann /2nd: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday: 8:30am, 130/105; 10:45am, 166/130; Monday: 29/19

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 52

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st service: Nate & Heidi Graham, and Vivian Smith

2nd Service: Dan & Joanne Maas

Media Center: David Norris

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, John Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$9,339.22 (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 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 23, 2022 — January 30, 2022*

Sunday, January 23	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball
Monday, January 24	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	6:30PM	Board for Stewardship
Tuesday January 25	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
Wednesday January 26	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	4PM	Confirmation Class
	7PM	Choir
Thur. Jan. 27		
Friday January 28	6:30-8PM	ELS Youth Retreat
		Thriving Families Series
Saturday January 29		ELS Youth Retreat
Sunday, January 30	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	12PM	Voter's meeting
	7:30PM	Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers today: The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Elli Fisher.

New chancel area flower donation process will begin in February!

The Altar Guild will now be managing the process for order and delivery of flowers to adorn Mt. Olive's chancel area. We have contracted with a local florist to provide weekly floral delivery.



*The flower sign-up chart in the narthex hallway (across from the band room) will continue to be used. Additionally, located in a rack next to the flower chart on the wall, you will find envelopes with instructions for ordering and payment of the flowers. Please complete and return this envelope with payment to the church office within a week of your requested date. Place the envelope in the designated "flower box" on the counter in the office. *Please note: in order to keep the cost down, we will be receiving seasonal bouquets directly from the florist at a cost of \$30.

Members will no longer be responsible for bringing in or taking home flowers.

The flowers will be displayed for the services occurring the weekend of your requested date. Questions? Please contact Sharon Madson 507-351-4516

or Joni Bode 507-381-4772 *For special requests please contact the church secretary @ 507-345-4966 or church@mtolivelutheran.org*



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

On the Narthex table Volunteer sign up sheets.

The Evangelism Committee is looking for items for an upcoming Easter project.

1. Medium sized plastic Easter eggs
2. Egg cartons (**holds 12 eggs**)

Please bring your donations to the boxes below the band room window. Our goal is 150 cartons and 1800 eggs. Thank you!

Band Bake Sale! Sunday, **February 6th**. All proceeds will go to the band program and cover participation costs in the MVL Elementary Music Festival on March 5th.

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.



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!

7th-12th Grade Youth! ELS 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 to sign up and for more details. Students must sign-up by **today** to guarantee their spot.



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive, in the Mt Olive gym. Friday, **February 18th** from **1-6pm**.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Host families are needed to house students from our WELS Area Lutheran High Schools for the West Regional Band Festival to be held at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School the weekend of March 18 - 20. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or call 507-354-6851.

Bethany Lutheran College

Evolution's Big Problem Bethany Chemistry professor, Dr. Eric Woller will speak at **7PM** in Meyer Hall on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College tomorrow, **Jan. 24th**. He will discuss the origin of organic molecules - known as Homochirality. It is a problem evolution cannot explain, and points to a Designer. Everyone is invited to attend. Part of the In Depth series.

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** 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!



“Moms supporting Moms in raising godly children”

Spring Semester Moms On a Mission Bible study (MOMs) begins February 2nd and 3rd! 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.

	Wednesday Afternoon M.O.M.s	Thursday Morning M.O.M.s
When:	February 2-April 6, 2022 1-2:30pm, NO CHILDCARE	February 3-April 7, 2022 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10) CHILDCARE PROVIDED
Where:	Mt. Olive’s Fireside Room	Peace Lutheran Church
Study:	“God’s Love” by Marilyn Miller	“God’s Love” by Marilyn Miller
Facilitator:	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.

Would you like to earn a little extra cash? Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible study.

When: Thursday mornings from 8:00-10:00am, February 3rd to April 7th.

Where: Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato.

Responsibilities: Lead Bible story and song time, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack.

This is a paid position. Must pass a State of MN background check.

Contact: Emily Peters emmykf@hotmail.com or [507-381-9659](tel:507-381-9659)

Thriving Family Series

Enrichment Series:

- **THIS Friday, January 28th, 6:30PM - 8PM**
- Child Care Provided in Gym
- Meeting in Church Sanctuary
- Live-streamed for online viewing
- Refreshments provided



Speaker:

Kara Witthuhn
Kingdom Workers -
Foster Support
Coordinator

"How Faith Communities Can Support Foster Youth & Families"



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Connect Groups! A new season of our "Connect Groups" will be starting up the week of January 30th! If you are unfamiliar with our Mt. Olive Connect Groups, watch for more information that will be shared, as well as a display and sign-up forms in the church narthex. These "Connect Groups" are a helpful way for us to get to better know our fellow Mt. Olive members and friends; to encourage each other in the faith; and as a place where we can seek the prayers of our fellow Christians. We also will go through material provided by our Pastors, discussing the lessons and sermon of the previous Sunday's Service. At this time, Pr. Ulrich is looking for anyone interested in hosting a Connect Group. Would you be able to offer space and organize a weekly get-together for 5 weeks? If you are interested in assisting, please email or call Pr. Ulrich: lukeulrich@gmail.com | 507-345-4966

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.