



## EPIPHANY 4

Sunday, January 30, 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:** *In the season of Epiphany, we see how Christ is manifested to us as One who possesses divine power. But we are also educated about His gracious nature as we see Jesus performing amazing wonders. This gracious nature was evident as Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 8:23-27). There was no need for the disciples to fear. God was still in control working for the good of His children. This gives us great confidence as we face whatever storms of life come our way. We can stand like Isaiah, even taunting our enemies, knowing that the Sovereign Lord helps us and that we will not be disgraced (Isaiah 50:4-10). Knowing the power and grace of God encourages us to place our trust and reliance in Him. This also moves us to demonstrate our trust in Him by loving one another; with appreciative hearts, we seek to fulfill His Laws (Romans 13:8-10).*

*Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)*

*“Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word. In this early morning hour, we rejoice to hear God’s Word proclaim to us the Good News that “He Is Risen!”*

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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 206 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus**

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

*(ELH p. 109)*

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening sentences*

*(ELH p. 109-110; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)*

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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. Alleluia!**

~**Invitatory** — *Invitation to worship*

(ELH p. 110; Ps. 95:6)

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

**C: ♪ For He is our Maker.**

~**Venite exultemus** — *“Come! Let us exalt”*

(ELH p. 111; Ps. 95:1-7)

**C: ♪ O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

**For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

~**Psalm Hymn 524 vv. 1, 4, 6, 7** *In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust*

~**Epistle Lesson**

(EHV)

**Romans 13:8-10** Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

~**Responsory** — *Response to hearing God’s Word*

(ELH p. 112)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Holy Gospel & Sermon Text**

(EHV)

**Matthew 8:23-27** When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the sea, so that their boat was covered by the waves. But Jesus was sleeping. They went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to die!” He

said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a complete calm. The men were amazed, saying, “What kind of a man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

~Hymn 208 vv. 1, 3, 6, *Thy Way and All Thy Sorrows*

~Old Testament Lesson

(NIV)

**Isaiah 50:4-10** The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

~Sermon

*Trust in the Name of the Lord*

1. *He's qualified to instruct us.*
2. *He suffered patiently for us.*
3. *He obtained our victory.*

~Offering Hymn 208 v. 11 *Thy Way and All Thy Sorrows*

~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.)*

**~Te Deum Laudamus — “We praise You, O God”**

*(ELH pp. 114-116)*

**C: ♪ We praise You, O God: we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein; to You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You: The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and only Son; also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.**

**You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man. You humbled Yourself to be born of a Virgin. When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our Judge.**

**We therefore pray You, help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You. And we worship Your name now and evermore.**

**Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

**~Kyrie — “Lord”**

*(ELH p. 116-117)*

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

**~Lord’s Prayer**

*(ELH p. 117; 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.**

## ~Prayers & Special Petitions

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer*

(ELH p. 150, #26)

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, You know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that because of the weakness of our mortal nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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.**

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

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

(ELH p. 119; 2 Cor 13:14)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Hymn 210 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

(Is. 41:13)

~**Announcements**

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

(See "Prayers for Worship"

—ELH p. 40)

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Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson /2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann  
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### **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 133; 10:45am, 144; Monday: 21**

**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 56**  
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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  
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## Weekly Financial Update

**Given Last Week:** \$19,007.10 (includes text & on-line giving)

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

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 30, 2022 — February 6, 2022*

<b>Sunday,</b> January 30	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 12PM 7:30PM	Divine Worship Sunday School and Bible Study Divine Worship Voter's Meeting Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> January 31	6:30PM	Divine Worship
<b>Tuesday</b> February 1	9AM 6:30PM	Ladies' Bible Study Jesus Cares Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b> February 6	8:10AM 9AM 1PM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Adult Bible Study MOMS Bible Study Confirmation Class Choir
<b>Thur.</b> Feb. 3		
<b>Friday</b> February 4		
<b>Saturday</b> February 5		
<b>Sunday,</b> February 6	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 1:45PM 7:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Band Bake Sale Sunday School and Bible Study Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Youth Event Volleyball

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

Long time Mount Olive member, Mr. Christopher Faye was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday evening this week. His funeral service is scheduled for next Saturday, at 11:00 AM, with a visitation beginning at 9:30 AM, A lunch will be served following the service. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 115:16)

**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](mailto: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](http://mtolivelutheran.org)

**On the Narthex table** February's Olive Press, Connect group sign up, new meditations, volunteer sign up sheets.

**Each giving statement** is dated 1/01/21 thru 12/31/21 and this is not a problem for tax preparation. Church statements of contribution are never submitted with a tax return. The only thing that is important is that each member add the two statements together and give the total to their tax preparer.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

**SPECIAL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY**-On **April 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Senior Choir will be performing John Stainer's "Crucifixion", and we would love for you to join us! There will be one rehearsal to prepare on April 6th, and the dress rehearsal on April 11th. Please bring a friend, and have your part learned! For the score and/or further details, please email Kayelynn Lawson at [klawson@blc.edu](mailto:klawson@blc.edu).



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive**, in the Mt Olive gym. Friday, **February 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org) or call 507-354-6851.

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Bethany Lutheran College** presents their winter musical, *Iolanthe*! When fickle fairies butt heads with pontificating politicians, when misunderstanding leads to a lovers' quarrel, and when old friends vie for the attention of a lady, mayhem ensues! *Iolanthe* will be performed February 4, 5, 11, and 12 at 7:30pm and February 6 at 2:00pm. Tickets can be reserved at [blc.edu/box-office](http://blc.edu/box-office) or by calling (507) 344-7374.

### **Community Opportunities**

**ELS/WELS Singles Event:** Craft day at Peace Lutheran Church in North Mankato, Saturday, February 19th from noon to 3pm. Bring a craft or art project you'd like to work on and a snack to share. Meet for fun, food, and fellowship with other Lutheran Singles. For more information, please contact Rachel at [rmoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com).

**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 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:emmykf@hotmail.com) or [507-381-9659](tel:507-381-9659)

# Join Us for Mt. Olive's Family Ski Night!

**When: Thursday, Feb. 17th, 2022 + 4-9pm**

**Where: Mt. Kato**

**For: All Ages—(Everyone Must TURN IN Signed Liability Waiver with payment—Parents must sign for minors—by SUNDAY, FEB. 14th!)**

**COST: Special Group Rates—\$10 Lift Tickets; \$10 Ski/Snowboard Rentals; \$4 Helmet (optional)—Lessons for Beginners: \$4**

**YOU MUST SIGN UP, SUBMIT WAIVER & PAYMENT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY, FEB. 13th!**

Due to COVID restrictions we are unable to bring our own food into the Chalet—Please be prepared to purchase your own food at the snack bar or bring your own dinner.



**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](mailto:lukeulrich@gmail.com) | 507-345-4966



FOR ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS

# YOUTH EVENT!

JUST US FOR  
BETHANY'S  
WINTER MUSICAL: "IOLANTHE"

PERFORMANCE + FOOD + DEVOTION

SUNDAY, FEB. 6TH, 1:45PM - 4:45PM  
MEET @ YFAC ROOM 104 + \$5 PER TICKET

Tickets are only \$5! Plan on meeting at 1:45 p.m. in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, room 104. We will then attend the 2:00 p.m. show. Following the musical, we'll reconvene in 104 for devotion and snacks. Parents can pick up students around 4:45 p.m.

*PLEASE EMAIL [BENJAMIN.FAUGSTAD@BLC.EDU](mailto:BENJAMIN.FAUGSTAD@BLC.EDU) IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.*



### 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.