



LENT 5

Sunday, April 3, 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: *Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the word of the Lord. (Jer 26:1-15) So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak. (Lk 11:14-28) But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard. (Ex 8:16-24) They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord. (Eph 5:1-9) As children of light our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us. In a world where demons roam we confess, "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net."*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).

I. The Service of Preparation



(We prepare ourselves for worshipping 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)*

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

~Hymn 293 vv. 1, 5, 6 O What Precious Balm and Healing

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

(ELH p. 41-42, II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~**Kyrie Eleison** – *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**General Absolution**

(ELH p. 43, II; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 147-166, #44)

P: Let us pray: We beseech You, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; 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

(EHV)

2 Samuel 22:1-7 David spoke the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the grasp of all his enemies, even from the grasp of Saul. He said: The Lord is my rocky cliff, my stronghold, and my deliverer. My God is my rock. I take refuge in him. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my high fortress, my refuge, and my savior. You save me from violence. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. The waves of death swirled around me. Floodwaters of destruction rolled over me. The ropes of the grave wrapped around me. The traps of death threatened me. In my distress I called to the Lord. To my God I cried out. He heard my voice from his temple. My cry for help reached his ears.

~ Holy Gospel Lesson

(EHV)

Luke 11:14-28 Jesus drove out a demon, which was mute. After the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, "He drives out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." Others were testing him by demanding of him a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed. And a house divided against itself falls. If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? You say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. But if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So they will be your judges. Yet if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks him and defeats him, he takes away that man's full armor, in which he had trusted, and divides up his plunder. "The one who is not with me is against me. The one who does not gather with me scatters. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, but does not find any. Then it says, 'I will return to my house, the one I left.' When it returns, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and dwell there. The last condition of that man becomes worse than the first." While he was saying these things, a woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

C: ♪ God be prais-èd for His glad ti-dings.

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

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.

~Chief Hymn 331 vv. 5-7 *Lord, All My Life I'll Cling to Thee*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

(NKJV)

Ephesians 5:1-9 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)

~Sermon Theme

Out Of the Darkness and Into the Light.

- 1. As believers we come out of darkness,*
- 2. And are covered by the light of God's grace and mercy in Christ.*

~Offering Hymn 331 v. 8 *This Treasure Ever I'll Employ*

~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. 48)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ___ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

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". We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Preface — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

(ELH p. 50; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~General Preface

(ELH p. 51)

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, You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus — *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

(ELH p. 51-52)

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

~Exhortation

(ELH p. 52)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: “This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin,” you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ’s words “For the remission of sins,” you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says “Take, eat; drink of it, all of you,” and “This do in remembrance of Me.”

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ’s body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 53; 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution *(ELH p. 54; 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."

~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"

(ELH p. 55; 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

Hymn 278 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Hymn 328 vv. 7-9 Jesus, Sun of Life

Hymn 330 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn 327 O Lord, We Praise Thee

~Dismissal — Assurance of blessing for those who have communed

(ELH p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving — *In appreciation of God's gifts* (ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 56-57; 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.**

~Closing Hymn 291 vv. 1, 4, 11 Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

~Closing Prayer (ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~Announcements

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See "Prayers for Worship" —ELH p. 40)

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

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

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 362; 10:45am, 106; Monday: 14

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 23

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st service: Peggy Harstad, Steve & Lois Jaeger
2nd Service: Dean & LuAnn Shoop, Mark & Sharon Madson

Media Center: John Baumann

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Sharon Madson, Lynnette Merseth

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$13,453.17 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (as of 2/28/22): \$68,751

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 3, 2022 — April 10, 2022

Sunday, April 3	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion CDS K-8 th grade sing at Peace Sunday School and Bible Study & BIC Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Volleyball
Monday, April 4	10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Veteran's Bible Study Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday April 5	9AM 6:30PM	Ladies' Bible Study Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday April 6	8:10AM 9AM 1PM 4PM 5-6:15PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Chapel Adult Bible Study MOMS Bible Study Confirmation Class Lenten Meal provided by MOMS Bible Study Midweek Service Choir
Thur, April 7		
Fri., April 8		
Saturday April 9	8AM-12PM	Spring Clean Up Day

Sunday, April 10	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study & BIC
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

 **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 tables April's Olive Press and volunteer signup sheets.

Flowers today: The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Bob & Ruth Heidenreich in loving memory of Ruth's sister, Esther Oesleby.

Mount Olive extended two Divine Calls to fill teaching vacancies for next school year. Mr. Jacob Beilke has been called to teach 4th grade, and Mrs. Joni Moldstad has been called to teach 5th grade. Please keep Mr. Beilke, Mrs. Moldstad, and their families in your prayers as they deliberate where the Lord would have them serve.

The Lenten meal on April 6th – Hot Dish Extravaganza! Served by the MOMS Bible study.

This year's Charger Challenge included funding towards the purchase of a gym divider curtain to better utilize our available space. God be praised, all fundraising goals were met. The remainder of the cost after fundraising was to be divided between Mount Olive Lutheran School and the After School Care Program.

Covid-19 protocols took a heavy toll on the After School Care budget. Additionally, production costs and material tariffs have increased significantly over the past year. We still want to add this feature to our facility, but we are short of our budget to fulfill this need for our congregation and school. If you would like to help fund this purchase, please designate your gift towards the Mount Olive Gym Curtain or speak with a member of the PTF or Board of Education.

You are in the Lord's will, is He in yours? Please reach out to the Board of Stewardship if you have any questions about planned giving, at 507-779-5409.

Spring cleaning will be Saturday, **April 9th**, 8am-12pm. We will clean the inside:(Sanctuary, Narthex, Social Hall, Kitchen, etc.) and the outside grounds. In case of rain the backup date for outside cleanup will be Saturday, April 16th.

The Mt. Olive Easter Breakfast is back! Food will be served in the gym between the two services on Sunday, **April 17**. Donations defer transportation and registration costs

for the Lutheran Youth Association Convention trip to Zion National Park in Utah from July 28-31, 2022. We need help in setting up at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, **April 16**, as well as serving breakfast on April 17. We are also seeking donations for fruit, eggs, ham, coffee, and juice. A generous donor is providing caramel and cinnamon rolls! If you can help serve or donate food, then please sign up at the narthex table or email Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu. Thanks!

The Lutheran Youth Association Convention is from **July 28-31** at Dixie State University (Utah Tech University), St. George, Utah. As part of the convention, we will be making a trip to Zion National Park! The Board for Youth Outreach is subsidizing the registration cost, so it is at the lowest rate in well over a decade, at \$200. Please go to els.org/lya/22/ to learn more about the convention and register. After May 1, cost increases to \$250.

The Church Library Corner: Listen, God is Speaking to You by Henry Paustian is a wonderful large print devotional for adults and especially for those who are going through a tough time or are elderly. These devotions go right to the heart of the struggles we have, and bring hope and comfort.

Easter Dinner: Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee is working to gather food items to supply Easter dinner for the homeless youth in the Mankato area. The staff at The REACH have agreed to prepare the food and deliver it to their clients on our behalf. Food will be delivered to the Reach on Thursday, **April 14th**. Please look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Easter Flower Baskets If you would like to contribute towards Easter flower basket arrangements to help beautify our sanctuary this Easter, please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Indicate if donation is in honor or memory of someone. Suggested donation is \$20, however, any amount is acceptable. Checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church may be left in the church office. Last day to order is **today**. These Easter plants will be displayed in large baskets, individual plants will be available to take home the week after Easter.

Mt. Olive donated 43 pounds of food to the ECHO food shelf in March.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL is looking for two people interested in coaching track. One assistant for field events and the other to assist with the running events. Email Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org

Bethany Lutheran College

The local chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary will host a tea honoring this academic year's Bethany female graduates on Tuesday, **April 5 at 7pm** in Honsey Hall. Any women of the congregation interested in attending are most welcome. A very important business meeting will follow the tea.

Bethany Lutheran College is proud to present *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* by John Bishop. In this exciting mystery, a group of people who come together to collaborate on a brand new Broadway musical find themselves caught in the middle of a real life murder mystery. Performances run **April 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 7:30pm**, and **April 3 at 2pm**. Adult tickets are \$10, and child/student tickets are \$5. Visit blc.edu/box-office to reserve tickets.

Minnesota Valley Chorale and guest instrumentalists present Vivaldi's Gloria. Traditional spirituals and sacred works are also performed. Concerts are held on April 2 at 7pm and **April 3 at 3pm** at Bethany Lutheran College, Trinity Chapel. \$10 tickets are available in advance online at Eventbrite or may be purchased at the door. Please note masks are optional at this event.

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the following positions, please see our website for additional information. Maintenance Technician, Production Studio Specialist, Visual Communication and Social Media Specialist, Assistant/Associate Professor - Media Arts Faculty, - Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Community Opportunities



The annual meeting of New 2 You Family Thrift Store will be held Monday **April 25th**, 6:30 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. This meeting is open to any interested members of the five association congregations (Peace, Mt Olive, St Pauls, St Marks and Trinity)

Our ELS Military Monument: You may have heard that a generous donor has pledged to match up to \$20,000 of new donations until the end of March. If the entire amount is matched, we will have achieved the projected goal of \$315,000+ to complete the project (there was a material cost increase). We are about \$11,000 away from reaching the full potential of this match. Recently we had three well known ELS laymen veterans die: Norman Werner, Sigurd Lee and Christopher Faye. Even as a young man these humble servants of God impacted me and I thought it appropriate to give a gift to the military monument in their honor. Perhaps some of you also knew them and would like to honor their memory in this way as well. Then again, there may be other veterans who have impacted your lives, which you would like to honor at this time of the matching offer.

Please consider making a gift that will have double the impact to make this important monument and memorial a reality. For details of this project and ways to donate please visit our ELS website (www.els.org, go to the "About" heading and click on Military Monument, click on the red "Donate to the Military Monument Project"). Or send a check to: ELS, 6 Browns Ct., Mankato, MN 56001 to be received by March 31 indicating it is for the Military Monument. Thank you.

JLMC Position Openings Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato, MN, is taking applications for 2 full-time infant teachers' aides and 1 full-time preschool aide. Teaching experience is encouraged but not required. We look for applicants with friendly dispositions, reliability, and flexibility. For information, contact LaShawn Smith at (507) 508-2041 or directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com.

ELS/WELS Singles event: Saturday, **April 30th**. Como Zoo Conservatory in St. Paul, MN. Meet at 1PM. We must make reservations beforehand. I will reserve for at least 6 people, but we can always add more with enough notice. If you wish to have an early supper after, please let me know in your RSVP to Rachel at rmoldstad@gmail.com. Restaurant suggestions welcomed.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ELS OLYMPICS 2022! -Open to Mt. Olive students and homeschool students alike! This year's Olympics will be held on **Saturday, May 7**, in Scarville, Iowa. We sincerely hope that you and your family are able to attend! Contact the church office for a list of events, meal RSVP, and a medical release form



Today in the school library

Scholastic Book Fair

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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.