



# Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod

## Easter 2/Confirmation Sunday – April 24, 2022 – 8:30 & 10:45AM

**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:**

*"There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood." (1 John 5:4-10) These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and the side from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:19-31) This Spirit and the faith that He works in our hearts enables us to now stand up with Job, even in the face of great hardship and tragedy, and proclaim that our "Redeemer lives!" And because of that, we will also stand with Him on the glorious day of resurrection. (Job 19:25-27) This is the faith and hope that our 8th Grade Confirmation Class is publicly professing today, on Confirmation Sunday (taking place during our 2nd Service). We give our confirmands the opportunity to affirm the faith that they were baptized into, making a solemn vow to remain true to God's Word throughout their lives. Having been taught the truths of the Christian faith, having demonstrated their knowledge of these truths (at Thursday evening's Public Examination), they are now ready to receive the Lord's Supper, and to continue on in the church as mature Christian individuals. We keep them and all our young people in our prayers!*

### **About Today's Order of Service: Matins (ELH 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)*

~**Opening Hymn 356** *The Day Of Resurrection*

~**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 ff; 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.**

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

*(ELH p. 110)*

**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. Alleluia!**

~**Psalm Hymn 32** *This is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

## ~Old Testament Lesson

**Job 19:25-27** I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

## ~Epistle Lesson

**1 John 5:4-12** Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the one who came by water and blood: Jesus Christ. He did not come by the water alone but by the water and by the blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. In fact, there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three are one.

If we accept the testimony of people, God's testimony is even greater, because it is the testimony that God gave about his Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in him, but the one who does not believe has made God out to be a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God gave about his Son. This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## ~Hymn 361 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 Faith Is a Living Power

## ~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

**Luke 24:36-49** While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send

you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

**~Sermon**

***Tell the Truth***

- 1. Jesus Himself confirmed the truth that God had foretold about Him.*
- 2. He calls on us to confirm our faith in Him before the world.*

**~Offering Hymn 511 vv. 1, 4, 8, 9 Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide**

**~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.)*

**~Prayers & Special Petitions**

**~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 (1<sup>st</sup> Service Only)**

*(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.**

**~Hymn 510 Fear and Love Thy God and Lord**

**~Rite of Confirmation** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Service Only*)

~*Exhortation and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant*

~*Confirmation Vows*

~*Blessing and Announcement of Confirmation Passage*

~*Welcome and Benediction*

~*Confirmation Prayer and Lord's Prayer*

~*Hymn 371 vv. 1, 2, 5, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*  
(*vv. 1 & 2 sung by the Confirmands, v. 5 sung by congregation.*)

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

(*ELH p. 118, 1*)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.**

**~Closing Hymn 354 vv. 9, 10** *Grant Me Grace, O Blessed Savior*

**~Announcements**

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

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

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Officiant: Pastor John Petersen  
Organist: John Baumann

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Sunday: 7:30am, 266; 10:00am, 287; Monday: 25**  
**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 19**

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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

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

**Media Center:** Matthew Strom

**Offering Counters:** Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Madson, Lynnette Merseth

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**Weekly Financial Update**

**Given Last Week:** \$15,577.32 (includes text & on-line giving)

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus** (as of 3/31/22): \$60,890


***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](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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 **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)



**Flowers:** Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal to celebrate the April birthdays to all of their friends & family.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 24, 2022 — April 24, 2022**

<b>Sunday,</b> April 24	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School/BIC/INFORMATIONAL MEETING & Special Voter's Meeting
	10:45AM	Divine Worship—Confirmation Service
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> April 25	9:30AM	Pastor's Area Conference
	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	6:30PM	New2You Annual Meeting
	7:30PM	Evangelism Committee
<b>Tuesday</b> April 26	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30PM	Large Group PTF
<b>Wednesday</b> April 27	8:10AM	Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	4PM	Confirmation Class
<b>Thu,</b> April 28	1:00PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play
<b>Fri,</b> April 29	1&7PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Play
<b>Sat,</b> April 30		
<b>Sunday,</b> May 1	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Sunday School/BIC
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	4:30PM	Youth Event at BLC
	7:30PM	Volleyball

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

**All 6-12 grade church youth** are invited to Bethany's outdoor jazz concert (held inside Trinity Chapel if weather is poor), on **Sunday, May 1**. Plan on meeting around 4:30 p.m. at Trinity Chapel for a 4:45 p.m. guitar & drums pre-show, then the jazz concert itself at 5:00 p.m. Following the performance, we'll have pizza in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, room 104. The event will conclude at 6:30 p.m. and pickup can be next to the YFAC, lot 5. Please email [Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu](mailto:Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu) if you plan to attend. Thanks!

**Rescue in the Night!** The fourth grade class invites you to their play "Rescue in the Night." They will tell the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den in both word and song. Performances are held in Mt. Olive gym on Thursday, April 28 at 1:00 PM and on



Friday, April 29 at 1:00 & 7:00 PM. There will be a “Make Your Own Sundae Bar” after the 7:00 PM performance. We hope you can come!

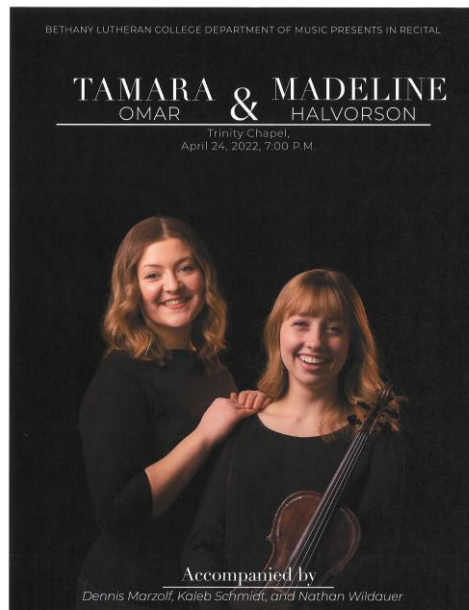
**Softball Umpires needed:** Mt. Olive sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, May 17 at Caswell Park. Games begin at 9:00 and finish around 3:30. We are looking for volunteers (or paid individuals) for umping. Umps do not need to worry about balls and strikes, since they just call the bases. Each batter gets 4 pitches to attempt to get a hit. Batters may still strike out. Umps will need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out on this day ( all day or partial ), please contact Mr. Zibrowski by calling the school office at 345-7927 or emailing Mr. Zibrowski at [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org).

**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. Go to [els.org/lya/22/](http://els.org/lya/22/). After May 1, cost increases to \$250.

**Pictures needed!** Lance Johnson is looking for picture from the Christmas Children’s Program for the year. If you have any picture that you would like to share please send them to Lance [mosyearbook1123@gmail.com](mailto:mosyearbook1123@gmail.com)

### **Loren & Susan Halvorson**

invite you to the Bethany Lutheran College Department of Music presentation of Madeline Halvorson's recital held in Trinity Chapel, Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 7 P.M.



## Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

**Bet your bottom dollar**---- Annie is back! Join her & all her friends as the MVL Drama Department takes you back to NYC and the orphanage where Annie grew up. Showtimes will be Friday and Saturday, **May 6 & 7 at 7 PM**, and Sunday, **May 8 at 2 PM**. All performances will be held at State Street Theater Co in New Ulm. Tickets are \$4 and \$6 and may be purchased at the door. Come join the fun!

## Bethany Lutheran College

**Bethany Lutheran College** is taking applications for the following positions, please see our website for additional information. Assistant/Associate Professor, Business Administration: Finance, Assistant/Associate Professor, Business Administration: HR & Management, Director of Athletics, Residence Hall Coordinator.

**Bethany Lutheran College Jazz Band Concerts:** Don't miss out on your chance to see the Bethany Jazz Band perform outside Trinity Chapel on Sunday, May 1 at 5:00 p.m. and Monday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m.! Chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your favorite parade chair. Arrive early to hear a pre-show jam session on drum set and guitar. These free concerts are a perfect spring activity for all!

**Bethany Lutheran College Drumline Concerts:** Bethany's B-Town Drumline takes to the stage! For the second year in a row, we are geared up for a rowdy, 50 minute show filled with rhythmic power, movement, and entertainment for all *one day only* on Saturday, May 7 at both 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Sigurd Lee Theatre. These free performances do not require a reservation, and doors open a half an hour before the start of the performance.

## 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)

**New 2 You Family Thrift – Volunteers Needed!** Mt. Olive is scheduled to provide volunteers at New 2 You on **Saturday, May 7**. Both morning and afternoon shifts are available. Duties include running the cash register, bagging customer purchases and helping display merchandise. Check out the new displays and shop while you are there! The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please call New 2 You at 507-345-1455 if you have any questions. Thank you!

**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](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com). Restaurant suggestions welcomed.

# BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE JAZZ BAND SHOW



WIPE OUT  
BIRDLAND  
CHAMELEON  
SEPTEMBER  
ZOOT SUIT RIOT  
YOU DON'T KNOW ME  
LULLABY OF BROADWAY  
SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME  
LET'S CALL THE WHOLE THING OFF

**SUNDAY, MAY 1  
& MONDAY, MAY 2  
AT 5:00 P.M.**

**LOCATED OUTSIDE THE  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY\***

*\*IN CASE OF RAIN, MOVED TO TRINITY CHAPEL*



**LIVE STREAMED**

**Today!** ALL are welcome to join us at 9:40am, in the Church Social Hall for Spring Congregational Informational Meeting. Get an update from our Boards and Committees about how things at Mt. Olive are going!

***(Voting Members Please Note: The Church Council is calling for a **Special Voter's Meeting** to take place directly after the April Informational Meeting. The Church Council, having approved the motion from Mt. Olive's Board of Education is seeking approval from the Voters to try and add an additional teacher to provide for a potentially large incoming Kindergarten class next year. **Voters: Please come and join us for this important meeting and decision.**)***

### **Mt 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.