

EASTER 3/GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, May 1, 2022, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

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 (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary.

Explanation of the Week: *Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11-16) He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them. (Ezekiel 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your souls in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23) "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Peter 2:21-25)*

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 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 3 Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise**

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

(ELH p. 41, 1)

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

~**Kyrie Hymn 350 v. 4 Where Is Thy Sting, Death?**

~**Absolution** — God’s declaration of forgiveness

(ELH p. 43, 1; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only 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 will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~**Canticle Hymn 359 vv. 1, 4 This Is the Feast**

~**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, #67)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, out of Your fatherly goodness You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners, and have given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd, not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death, and the devil: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that, even as this Shepherd knows us and helps us in every affliction, we also may know Him, and, trusting in Him, seek help and comfort in Him, from our hearts obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, 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)

Ezekiel 34:11-16 For this is what the Lord God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and carefully search for them. As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep that were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will shepherd my flock. I myself will let them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice.

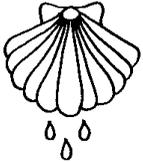
~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

1 Peter 2:21-25 Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be

dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Affirmation of Holy Baptism (2nd Service)



(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)

~Affirmation of Baptism for Jaxon Thomas Bode

(Special Order from Lutheran Worship Agenda—pp.105-109)

~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 368 vv. 1, 2 *The Lord My Faithful Shepherd Is*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

John 10:11-18 “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

“I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

~Sermon

...It All Depends on Your Shepherd

~Offering Hymn 377 v. 7 *Lord, My Shepherd, Take Me to Thee*

~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.)

~Prayers & Special Petitions

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, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life 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.

~**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 371 The Lord's My Shepherd

Hymn 322 1, 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou living Bread

Hymn 368 vv. 4, 5, 6 Why Should I Ever Fear?

~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 19 Now May He Who From the Dead

~Announcements

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

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

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday: 8:30am, 227; 10:45am, 282; Monday:40

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 31

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st service: Paul & Mary Jane Tweit

Jim & Connie Gullixson

2nd Service: Will & Lisa Holt

Offering Counters: Bruce Gratz, Craig Christensen

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Beth Hoffman

Media Center: Adam Pavelchik

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$15,350.34 (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 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: May 1, 2022 — May 8, 2022

Sunday, 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

Monday, May 2	10:00AM	Veteran's Bible Study
	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Board of Education
	7:00PM	Board of Deacons
Tuesday May 3	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday May 4	8:10AM	Chapel
		No Adult Bible Study
	4PM	Confirmation Class
	7:00PM	Mt Olive School Band Concert
Thu May 5		
Fri May 6	7PM	Annie the Musical at MVL
		8 th Grade Lock in
Sat May 7	7PM	Annie the Musical at MVL
Sunday, May 8	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Sunday School/BIC
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	2:00PM	Annie the Musical at MVL
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball

 **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

Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Jacie Lieske in loving memory of Wilbur Lieske.

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), **Today, May 1.** Meet at 4:30 pm at Trinity Chapel for a guitar & drums pre-show, the jazz concert itself at 5:00 pm. After the performance, we'll have pizza in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, room 104. Pickup at 6:30pm next to the YFAC, lot 5. Email Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu if you plan to attend. Thanks!

SAVE THE Parade DATES! Mount Olive participates in the North Mankato **Fun Days parade** Saturday, **July 9** and the Eagle Lake **Tator Days parade** Saturday, **July 16.** We would love to have you join us in sharing the Gospel as well as promoting Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School! We will share line up information when we receive it.

Matthias Leyrer is still taking volunteers for ushering! If you're a confirmed male of the congregation, we would love to have you serve Sunday mornings. Thank you to everyone who is currently serving. Here are the next three months of usher assignments.

JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
EARLY	EARLY	EARLY
Brian Strom	Tom Bode	Matthew Holt
James Strom	Greg Lieske	Will Holt
Matthew Strom	Juel Merseth	(needed)
LATE	LATE	LATE
Andy Overn	Bill Bukowski	Dan Maas (Justin)
Pete Bloedel	(needed)	John Schauer
Paul Gullixson	Trevor Longdren	Steve Lussky

Due to the schedule of last year (starting in the middle of the year) we'll progress through 2022 as normal and then at the beginning of 2023 will start a shift back one month (which will then be the norm barring another global pandemic.) If you would like to Usher or have any questions about ushering, please contact Matthias Leyrer.

Camp VBS 2022: Come learn about God's Ultimate Power at the 2022 Mount Olive Ultimate Frisbee Camp VBS! Camp VBS will take place July 6-8 from 8:15-12 this year, and is for students entering preschool (age 4 by September 1, 2022) through 4th grade (Fall 2022). You can expect Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks, a free t-shirt, and a fun week of ultimate frisbee! There is no fee to attend Camp VBS; however, we will accept donations to help off-set the cost of materials and supplies. We will not be able to accept any later registrations, so be sure to sign up by June 19th here:

<https://reg.planetReg.com/E42213311215179>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Camp VBS 2022: We need your help with Camp VBS 2022! Camp VBS will take place July 6-8 from this year. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 7:30 and will be done by 12:15 each day. You will get a free t-shirt, free breakfast and coffee each day, and a pizza party at the end of the week! Sign up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C45AFAB2CA2F94-mount>

We're also looking for a volunteer to organize and lead our ultimate frisbee sections. Please contact Abby Sorensen at abby.sorensen12@gmail.com if you're interested in doing this or in helping plan other parts of Camp VBS!

Softball Umpires needed: Mt. Olive sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, May 17 at Caswell Park. Games begin at 9am & 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 need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out on this day (all day or partial), call the school office at 345-7927 or email mrz@mtolivelutheran.org.

The Lutheran Youth Association Convention is **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/. After May 1, cost increases to \$250.

Pictures needed! Lance Johnson is looking for pictures from the Christmas Children's Program and throughout the school year. If you have any picture that you would like to share, email them to mosyearbook1123@gmail.com

Mt. Olive donated 31.5 pounds of food to the ECHO food shelf during the month of April.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Bet your bottom dollar---- **Annie is back!** Join her & all her friends as the MVL Drama Department takes you to NYC and the orphanage where Annie grew up. Showtimes will be **May 6 & 7 at 7 PM**, and **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

Bethany Lutheran College

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the following positions, see our website for additional information. Assistant/Associate Professor - Business Administration: HR & Management, Director of Athletics, Residence Hall Coordinator, IT Specialist/Help Desk Support Director of Online Learning, BLC Fine Arts Event Coordinator.

Bethany Lutheran College Jazz Band Concerts: Come see the Bethany Jazz Band perform outside Trinity Chapel, **today, May 1 at 5 p.m.** & Monday, May 2 at 5p.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 **one day only**, Saturday, May 7 at 4p.m. & 7p.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 Board of Directors of New 2 You Family Thrift Store, Inc are pleased to be able to make the following disbursements to MVL and our association churches. We continue to see increased sales and profits available to support your efforts in sharing God's Word.

MVL:	\$18750.00,	St Paul's Lutheran Church	\$1250.00
St Mark's Lutheran Church	\$1250.00,	Mt Olive Lutheran Church	\$1250.00
Peace Lutheran Church	\$1250.00,	Trinity Lutheran Church	\$1250.00

Distributions are based on profits for quarter ending 3/31/22. Blessings to everyone.

New 2 You Family Thrift - Volunteers Needed! Mt. Olive is scheduled to provide volunteers at New 2 You on **Saturday, May 7**. 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!



Connect Groups! A new season of our "Connect Groups" starts this week! 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.

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.