



## EASTER 6

Sunday, May 22, 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:** *“Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.” (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all. (1 Timothy 2:1-6) Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.*

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 363 *Thou Art the Way***

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

*(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness*

*(ELH p. 60, II; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

**C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

~**Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(ELH p. 62; p.144)

P: With a voice of singing, declare, proclaim this, utter it even to the ends of the earth; say, "The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob!" Alleluia! O You who hear prayer, to You all flesh will come. Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

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

(ELH p. 62)

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

~**The Kyrie Eleison**— *"Lord, Have Mercy"*

(ELH p. 63, I; Mk 10:47)

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

~**The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**— *"Glory to God in the Highest"*

(ELH p. 64-66; Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

~**Salutation** — *The People's Blessing for the Pastor's Work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** — *The Congregation's Prayer of the Day*

(ELH p. 66; #72)

P: Let us pray: O God, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us, Your humble servants, that by Your holy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding may perform the same: 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.**

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## 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)*

**Jeremiah 29:11-14** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come to pray to me, and I will listen to you. When you seek me, you will find me, when you will seek me with all your heart. I will let you find me, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back from your exile. I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have sent you as exiles, declares the Lord. I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

~Alleluia — *"God Be Praised"*

*(ELH p. 67)*

**C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### ~Holy Gospel Lesson

*(EHV)*

**John 16:23-30** In that day you will not ask me anything. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

"I have told you these things using figurative language. A time is coming when I will no longer speak to you using figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I am not telling you that I will make requests of the Father on your behalf. For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am going to leave the world and go to the Father."

"Yes!" his disciples said. "Now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative language. Now we know that you know everything and do not need to have anyone ask you anything. For this reason we believe that you came from God."

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

~**Apostles' Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 68)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

~**Hymn 1 Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word**

~**Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text**

(NKJV)

**James 1:22-27** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

~**Sermon**

*How We Show Our Resurrected Lives.*

- 1. By our use of God's Word.*
- 2. By our conduct in the world.*

~**Offertory** — *Prayer of Renewal before Offering*

(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

## ~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.)*

## ~Prayer of the Church

*(ELH p. 71-72)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*(Special petitions are included)*

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

## ~Lord's Prayer

*(ELH p. 85; Mt. 6:9-13)*

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## ~Hymn 354 v. 9 *Grant Me Grace*

~Collect

(ELH p. 86, form II)

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.**

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

(ELH p. 87; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: **♫ Amen, amen, amen.**

~Hymn 354 v. 10 *For the Joy*

~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>: John Baumann /2<sup>nd</sup>: Elisabeth Urtel*

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

**Sunday: 8:30am, 240; 10:45am, 116; Monday:41**

**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 24**

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

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> service: Paul & Mary Jane Tweit; Jim & Connie Gullixson

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Will & Lisa Holt

**Offering Counters:** Bruce Gratz, Craig Christensen

**Altar Guild:** Joni Bode, Beth Hoffman

**Media Center:** Matthew Strom

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**Weekly Financial Update**

**Given Last Week:** \$11,095.75 (includes text & on-line giving)

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus** (as of 4/30/22): \$40,283

***Philippians 4:19 And my God will fully supply your every need, according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.***

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](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.

**Service Times - Summer Schedule:** **Sunday, May 29th** is the start of our Summer Worship Schedule and will run until August 21st. Sunday Service times will be at **8:30am & 10:00am**. Sunday School and Bible Studies will resume in September.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: May 22, 2022 — May 29, 2022**

<b>Sunday,</b> May 22	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School/BIC
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> May 23	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	7:30PM	Evangelism Committee
<b>Tuesday</b> May 24	9:00AM	Ladies’ Bible Study
	7:00PM	Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert at Trinity Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b> May 25	9:00AM	Adult Bible Study
	6:30PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
<b>Thu</b> May 26	6:30PM	Ascension Service
	6:30PM	Annie Jr. at the Sig Lee Theater
<b>Friday</b> May 27	11:15AM	Last Day of School, Early Dismissal
	6:30PM	Annie Jr. at the Sig Lee Theater
<b>Sat</b> May 28		
<b>Sunday,</b> May 29	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	<b>10:00AM</b>	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:30PM	Volleyball

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

**Life is Precious! Bible Study TODAY** - How can we help promote life in our community and world? Join us between services **TODAY** in our Social Hall for a brief study led by Pr. Ulrich on the Sanctity of Life, followed by a brief presentation and video about a local organization (that several of our members are involved in and that we've supported in the past) called "Options for Women-Mankato."

**Flowers:** Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad in celebration of their 13<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Veteran's Bible Study** will be taking the summer off and resuming in September.

**Library Corner** *The Defense Never Rests* by Craig Parton. Craig Parton is a partner in the oldest law firm in the Western United States. He looks at his faith with the logic of a trial lawyer. This book tells of his journey from Christian Science to Evangelicalism to a solid conservative Lutheran conviction. The book not only helps those outside the Lutheran faith understand why he believes as he does, but it also affirms for us the value of our doctrine and worship life.

**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.

**Jesus Cares needs helpers,** Jesus Cares brings God's Word to people with learning challenges. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Currently there are only 4 helpers present. We need more helpers in case a helper is absent or sick. There are many ways to help. We need greeters, phone callers, people to sing hymns along with the students, piano player, someone to lend an extra pair of hands for art projects. For more information, please contact Mary Born.



**Mark your calendar!** Mt. Olive is hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the gym on **Friday, June 3**, from 1-6pm.

**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/](https://els.org/lya/22/). After May 31st, cost increases to \$250.

**Travel to LYA**—Pastor Tweit from Holy Cross Church in Madison has offered room for us on their charter bus to LYA Convention. We originally had plans to take a couple of 15 passenger vans, but this new option boosts our safety and comfort...and increases the transportation cost to around \$225 a person. The Wisconsin bus would pick us up mid-morning on July 27 at Mt. Olive, and return in the evening on August 1. Please email [Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu](mailto:Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu) if you would like to reserve a seat. If you already

reserved a spot in the 15 passenger van, then your reservation automatically transferred to the bus. There are about 10 seats remaining!

**Camp VBS 2022:** Come learn about God's Ultimate Power at the 2022 Mount Olive Ultimate Frisbee Camp VBS! Camp VBS is July 6-8 from 8:15-12, and is for students entering preschool (age 4 by 9/1/22) - 4th grade (Fall 2022). 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](mailto:abby.sorensen12@gmail.com) if you're interested in doing this or in helping plan other parts of Camp VBS!

### **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.

## Community Opportunities



**New 2 You Family Thrift – Volunteers Needed!** Mt. Olive is scheduled to provide volunteers at New 2 You on **Saturday, June 4**. 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!

**Lutheran Girl Pioneer** District 19 Camp is June 16-18, 2022. Please note that this is Thursday evening to Saturday afternoon. The camp is held in New Ulm, MN at Flandrau State Park, Group Camp. We have cabins with beds, so no tents needed. You do not have to have knowledge of pioneers or be a pioneer to attend. New Ulm, MN. Registration closes May 26, 2022.

**Sunbeam Camp**, June 23rd, 2022 This day is designed especially for our youngest boy and girl Pioneers, those currently in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade and their friends. We also welcome preschoolers who will be starting kindergarten next fall. It is a good way to introduce them to the Pioneer program! We have a full day of activities planned just for you!



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Join Us in  
celebrating...

# The Ascension of our Lord

+ Divine Service +  
Thursday,  
May 26th, 6:30pm



### **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.