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Sunday, November 27, 2022, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** card (on the tables at the back of worship area). 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. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week: *The new church year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey.” Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden, for He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “The Lord, our Righteousness” (Jer 33:14-18). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Mt 21:1-9). We eagerly await the arrival of our Savior (Phil 3:17-21).*

Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)

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



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 87** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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

(ELH p. 109)

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

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

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

~**Versicles** — *Opening sentences*

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

P: O Lord, open my lips.

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

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

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

~**Psalm Hymn 92, vv. 1-3** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

~ **Old Testament Lesson**

(EHV)

Jeremiah 33:14-18 Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness. This is what the LORD says. David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel. Neither will the priests, who are Levites, fail to have a man to stand before me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to offer sacrifices continually.

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

(ELH p. 112)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

(EHV)

Matthew 21:1-9 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

~Hymn 90 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

Philippians 3:17-21 Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

~Sermon

Follow the Leader

~Offering Hymn 91 vv. 4, 5 *Fling Wide the Portals of Your Heart*

~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.)

~Kyrie – “Lord”

(ELH p. 116-117)

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

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 117; Mt 6:9-13)

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

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Collect — *The congregation’s prayer* (ELH p. 147, II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We beseech You so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humble form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, 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

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing* (ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God’s people* (ELH p. 119; 2 Cor 13:14)

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

C: ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 110, v. 6 O Come, Thou Dayspring, Come and Cheer

~Announcements

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

Officiant: Seminarian Matthew Lehne
Organists: 1st: John Baumann / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE/THE LORD’S SUPPER
Sunday: 8:30am, 257/190; 10:45am, 181/125; Monday: 25/19
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 19

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:

Greeters: 1st Service—Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad, Rachel Ulrich
2nd Service—Dean & LuAnn Shoop

Offering Counters: Joe Meyer, Seth Ferkenstad

Altar Guild: Sherri Bukowski, Carol Petersen

Media Center: Dave Norris

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$12,353.68 (does not include LOC Challenge giving)

Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$14,617.12

LOC total as of 11/22/22: \$18,417.12

(\$1,582.88 still needed to make \$20,000 goal).

Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 10/31/22: (\$36,757.05)

Philippians 4:19 (EHV) 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 and click on the link "donate online".

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV

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

Many thanks to 3rd Year Seminarian Matthew Lehne for conducting the service and preaching today. May the Lord continue to bless him in his preparation for the pastoral ministry.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *November 27, 2022 — December 4, 2022*

<p align="center">Sunday, November 27</p>	8:30AM	Divine Worship No Sunday School/BIC/Adult Bible Class
	9:40AM	Call Meeting
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-9PM	Artemis gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball (coed recreational)
<p align="center">Monday, November 28</p>	6:30PM	Divine Worship
<p align="center">Tuesday, November 29</p>	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<p align="center">Wednesday, November 30</p>	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	5PM	Chili Supper
	6:30PM	Advent Service
	7:30PM	Adult Choir
<p align="center">Thursday, December 1</p>	8:30AM 5PM	MOMS Bible Study at Peace Christmas at Bethany
<p align="center">Friday, December 2</p>	5PM	Christmas at Bethany
<p align="center">Saturday December 3</p>	3PM	Mt. Olive volunteers at New2You Christmas at Bethany
<p align="center">Sunday, December 4</p>	8:30AM	Sunday School Choir Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Sunday School/BIC/Adult Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	3PM	Christmas at Bethany
	7:30PM	Volleyball (coed recreational)

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Mark & Sharon Madson in memory of their fathers.

Voters meeting today, November 27, at 9:40am to extend a provisional call to teach 4th grade in the 2023 spring semester.

Thank you, Mt. Olive members, for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Reach, a drop-in center for Mankato area homeless youth. We delivered these notes/cards along with the food donations. Thank you!

The 2022 Christmas at Bethany Concert will be held on **December 1 & 2** at 5pm and **December 3 & 4** at 3pm. Tickets are free of charge and are available at blc.edu/box-office or by calling the box office line on weekdays from 1-4pm at 507-344-7374. Free will donations are much appreciated to support music at Bethany.



New 2 You Family Thrift - Volunteers Needed: Saturday, **December 3**. Mt. Olive provides volunteers at New 2 You Family Thrift Store on the first Saturday of each month to run the cash register and check out customers. The store has expanded hours on Friday and Saturday from now until Christmas. Please sign-up on the sheet on the narthex table, or call New 2 You at 507-385-1455 if you can help. Thank you!

Parents of Sunday School children: The Sunday School children will be singing Hymn 87, verses 1 & 2, for both services on Sunday, **December 4**. Please have your children at the gym by 8:15am.

Looking for a one-of-a-kind Christmas gift? We will have a display of handcrafts from Thai Village to purchase after and between services on Sunday, **December 4**, Wednesday, **December 7**, and Sunday, **December 11**. Thailand is a predominantly Buddhist country that needs to hear about their Savior. Thai Village is a WELS mission that supports the Thai people with craft training to produce income, while also sharing God's Word with them. Our school children have designated Thai Village as their mission project for the first semester.

The ELS Ottesen Museum's Christmas Open House is planned for Tuesday, **December 6**, from 2:30-5:30 pm. This year's theme is "The Seminary Presidents Preach", celebrating the 75th anniversary of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and recognizing its six Deans and Presidents through excerpts of some of their Christmas sermons. We will also be singing appropriate hymn verses with each excerpt. Come tour the Museum to see what's new and enjoy some Christmas fellowship.

Year-end Synod offering: Delegates and pastors at the annual ELS convention set a budget of \$82,000 for gifts from congregations to our ELS missions and ministries for 2022. Special envelopes will be provided **December 11** in your bulletin for this offering to the ELS missions. Check the December issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

Christmas Poinsettia Baskets: If you would like to contribute towards Christmas poinsettia basket arrangements to help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas, a sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Indicate if your donation is in honor or memory of someone. Suggested donation is \$15; however, any amount is acceptable. Checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church may be left in the church office. The last day to order is Wednesday, **December 14**. These Christmas poinsettia and greens arrangements will be displayed in large baskets; therefore, individual poinsettias will not be available to take home after Christmas.

Kiwanis Light Volunteer Opportunities: Mt. Olive has two more opportunities to volunteer with the Kiwanis Holiday Lights located in Sibley Park this Christmas Season. As a non-profit organization contributing volunteer hours, Mt. Olive will receive a portion of the proceeds raised by Kiwanis. We need **8 volunteers on Thursday, December 29**, from 4:30-9pm; if there is enough interest, we can split this shift into two parts. Also, we need **3 volunteers on Sunday, January 2**, from 1-4pm, to help tear down the lights. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please reach out to Matthew Holt at 507-340-8014 with any questions.



We thank our school lunch volunteers who help serve lunches at our school each weekday. If you are available to help in December, scan the QR code to sign up.

Like to knit? Mayo Clinic-Mankato's Cancer Center is asking for volunteers interested in making heavier weight hats for their chemotherapy patients for the colder months. Hats should be made with soft yarn and must be made in a smoke-free/pet-free environment. Bring your donations to the church office. Thank you!

Help the church office update our email address database. If you would like to receive Mt. Olive announcements (such as the monthly *Olive Press* newsletter or giving statements) electronically, please let the church office know, and we can add or update your email address in our files. Thank you!

After School Care is looking for:

1. **Fleece donations** to tie blankets for clients of The REACH, a drop-in center for homeless or at-risk youth in the Mankato area, for a Christmas gift. Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you!
2. **Pop tabs** for the Ronald McDonald house charities. Save your pop tabs and drop them off in the office.

Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge

The congregation has been presented with a great opportunity to knock out some debt. We have been challenged to raise \$20,000 to go toward our line of credit at the bank, and a very generous couple has offered to match that for a total of \$40,000! Your contribution should be above and beyond our normal offerings and be earmarked "Line of Credit Challenge" so we can keep a running total of donations. For those of you giving online, please select the option titled "Line of Credit Challenge." If we don't hit \$20,000, we don't get the match, so let's go for it! The deadline is **December 15**, so don't delay!

--Board of Stewardship



A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT... SEEN FROM A DISTANCE



THE PROPHETS PROCLAIM CHRIST'S COMING



Midweek Advent Meals & Services:

Meals: 5-6:15pm | Service: 6:30pm

- Wednesday, November 30th -
- Wednesday, December 7th -
- Wednesday, December 14th -
- (*Service of Lessons & Carols*)



**PICK UP
YOUR**

ADVENT DEVOTIONS



FOR FAMILIES:

Look for the "Countdown to Christmas" Family Devotion booklet on the Narthex Table. These devotions are designed to work with the "Melissa & Doug Advent Calendar," (not included - You can order online). Devotions can be used without the tree. Please grab a copy for your family and share with friends & neighbors.



FOR ADULTS:

Grab a copy of the "Come and See..." Advent Devotion booklet that is shared with us through Steadfast Lutherans.

For all other announcements, please pick up your copy of the December issue of the *Olive Press* from the narthex table.

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.