



LENT 5 / THE ANNUNCIATION

Sunday, March 26, 2023, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Benjamin Springer

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: *Martin Luther wrote concerning the Annunciation: “We sustained a hurt through Adam’s fall. Through it all of us are tainted with sins and subject to death. But greater than this hurt is the blessing we receive through Christ. He became man Himself in order to redeem us from sin and death. The devil came close to us; but he did not come so close as to assume our nature. For although He fell through pride and thereupon persuaded man also to fall away from God, he nevertheless did not become man and did not come so close to us as did God’s Son, who became our own flesh and blood.” (What Luther Says, pg. 153)*

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 276** *When O'er My Sins I Sorrow*

~**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.

~**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; p. 153, #50)

P: Let us pray: O almighty God, of Your great mercy You caused Your Son to be conceived by the Holy Spirit, and to become incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary according to the angel's annunciation: Grant us by Your grace, that our sinful conception may be purified by His holy conception; 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)

Isaiah 7:10-16 The LORD spoke to Ahaz again. He said, "Ask for a sign from the LORD your God. Ask for it either in the depths below or in the heights above." But Ahaz responded, "I will not ask. I will not test the LORD." So Isaiah said: Listen now, you house of David. Is it not enough for you to test the patience of men? Will you test the patience of my God as well? Therefore the Lord himself will give a sign for all of you. Look! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and name him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse evil and choose good, because even before the child knows how to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.

~**Lenten Sentence**

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ **Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev'n the death of the Cross.**

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

(EHV)

P: The Holy Gospel for the Festival of the Annunciation is written in the 1st chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke beginning at the 26th verse.

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible for God." Then Mary said, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

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 268** *On Mary, Virgin undefiled*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

Hebrews 10:5-10 Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. You were not pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. Then I said, "Here I am. I have come to do your will, God. In the scroll of the book it is written about me." First he said: Sacrifices and offerings that were offered according to the law, both burnt offerings and sin offerings, you did not desire, and you were not pleased with them. Then he said: Here I am. I have come to do your will. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ.

~Sermon

~**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 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.

~**Collect**

(ELH p. 86-87, form III)

P: Grant, we beseech You, Almighty God, unto Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word, as becomes it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ 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 274** *When Our Heads Are Bowed with Woe*

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

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

*Officiant: Professor Nicholas Proksch
Organists: 1st: John Baumann / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday: 8:30am, 250/177; 10:45am, 185/148; Monday: 25/18

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 9

Wednesday: 177; Live Online Viewing: 7

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:

Greeters: 1st Service—Keith Anderson, Will & Lisa Holt

2nd Service—Dan and Joanne Maas, Art & Terri Westphal

Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: Elyse Haugen, Carol Leiferman, Lisa Holt

Media Center: Jerris & Mathias Barents (March 26); Benjamin Springer (March 29)

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$15963.50

Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$375.00

LOC total as of 3/24/23: \$14,485.66 (\$5514.34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 02/28/23: \$62,594.53

Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with 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 available on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 11:30am.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *March 26, 2023 — April 2, 2023*

Sunday, March 26	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, March 27	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
Tuesday, March 28	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	1PM	MOM's Bible Study @ Mt. Olive
Wednesday, March 29	9AM	Adult Bible Study – w/Pr. Ron Pederson
	5PM	Lenten Meal
	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs., Mar. 30	8:30AM	MOM's Bible Study @ Peace
	8-11:15AM	Grandparents Day @ Mt. Olive School
Fri., Mar. 31	8-11:15AM	Grandparents Day @ Mt. Olive School
Sat., April 1	9:45AM	Mount Olive Volunteers @ New 2 You
Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	9:30AM-12PM	Book Fair in Gym
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Audrey Spear.

Thank you to Professor Proksch for leading us in worship today.

Would your group like to serve a meal before the March 29 Lenten Service? If interested, please contact the church office.

Brass players, adults or students: a brass band will be accompanying the organ on familiar hymns for the Easter Sunrise service. Let the church office (or Dan Neubauer at 507-514-2035) know that you are available to play. Music will be sent to you for a short run-through sometime during Holy Week. Thank you.



Mt. Olive is sponsoring a Diaper Drive from March 12 to April 5 to benefit Options for Women, a local crisis pregnancy center. Donations can be placed outside each classroom and in boxes in the Youth Room Hallway.

Help us deliver Easter Dinner to The Reach, a drop-in center for homeless/at risk youth in the Mankato area. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.

Easter Flower Baskets: to contribute towards Easter flower basket arrangements, please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Indicate if your donation is in honor or memory of someone. Suggested donation is \$20; however, any amount is acceptable. Insert checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church into the provided envelope and place it in the church office Flower Box. Last day to order is today! Individual plants will be available to take home after Easter.

Eggcellent Donations: We are looking for 17 egg cartons and 756 plastic eggs (that are the medium size) to fill egg cartons for an upcoming Easter project. Bring all cartons and eggs to the office this week! Thank you for your donation!



By: Prof. Adolph Harstad

Where: Mt. Olive's Fireside Room

When: Fridays, 1-2pm
(Beginning April 21st,
Running for FIVE weeks)



Why: To gain a basic understanding of the Hebrew Language!

\$25 / Student

New Students Welcome!
No Experience Needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Pr. Ulrich
OR Todd Gavin (Call or Text) 507 995-9747

New 2 You Family Thrift – Volunteers Needed! Mt. Olive provides volunteers at



New 2 You on the first Saturday of each month. Our next scheduled date is Saturday, **April 1**. 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!

WELS Youth Night is tonight, from 6:00-8:15pm at The Beacon ministry center in Mankato MN. All teens in 9th-12th grade are invited; sign up in advance using the QR code on the poster on the narthex bulletin board.



Come to the
I: 55 Book Fair

Wednesday, March 29, 2:45 – 5:45 PM

Thursday, March 30, 8:30 – 11:45 AM

Friday, March 31, 8:30 – 11:45 AM Sunday, April 2, 9:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Located in the school gymnasium.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Organ concert, Today at 7pm in Trinity Chapel: Kaleb Schmidt will play music of Bach, Buxtehude, Bender, and others.

Happenings at MVL:

MVL Jeans & Dreams Booster Club Auction, April 1, at Turner Hall in New Ulm. Doors and cash bar open at 5 pm; dinner begins at 5:30pm (free-will donation). Check the poster in the narthex for more details.



Christ Our Conqueror, April 5, MVL will be holding its Spring Sacred Concert, "Christ Our Conqueror." The concert features the MVL Symphonic Band, Freshman Choir, Chargaliers, and A Capella Choir. The concert is held in the MVL gymnasium with music beginning at 6:45 PM. All are invited to add this concert to their observance of Holy Week, as we celebrate all that God, in His great mercy, has done for us!



**BUILDING ON
THE ROCK**

The Cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.
Ephesians 2:20



Dear Friends of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School:

Did you know that Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School sits on a bed of an incredibly hard quartzite rock? There are locations on campus where this quartzite is exposed above the soil. This is the actual rock on which the physical foundation of MVL is built. The spiritual foundation on which this school was built more than forty years ago is God's Word. Our Lord shared the importance of building a house on a rock as compared to sand:

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."
Matthew 7: 24-27

Those leaders who established MVL realized the importance of providing an education that trained its students for life in this world and the next. More than forty years later we are still "training students for Christian lives on earth and for eternity."

It is on this principle that our Capital Campaign and Building Project stand. Thus, the title: "Building on the Rock." The addition of new science classrooms, the field house and convening area and the fine arts center will all provide our students many opportunities to praise our Lord through work in the classroom, on the stage and on the court. We want to provide our young people with a foundation of faith that will serve them for the rest of their lives!

Yet, we cannot do it without you. The total estimated cost of this project is \$11.8 million. Many faithful donors have contributed so far and we are thankful for all of you! At present, we have received nearly 4 million in gifts, commitments and pledges. Our deadline is April 15. Whether it's a gift or a commitment for the next five years, we are asking for your financial support. Most importantly, would you please pray for Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School? Ask God to bless the work of those involved with the campaign and the building process. Ask our Lord to continue to grow and increase the size of our student body so that more young people can learn about Jesus.

It is our prayer that these new facilities will be a blessing to teachers and students who use them on a daily basis, as well as the visitors and potential families who view this addition as a desire to provide the best high-quality Christian education we can for the students entrusted to our care.

It is our hope and prayer that you will support this endeavor. To God be the glory!

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy M. Plath
MVLHS Principal



PSALMS
OF THE PASSION

LENTEN SERIES

MIDWEEK #5 - WEDS., MARCH 29 - PSALM 69

Vespers Service: 6:30p | Preacher: Pr. Matthew Moldstad

(Join us before our Wednesday Evening Services for meals provided by the various groups of our congregation. Lenten meals are served from 5pm to 6:15pm)



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.