



**EASTER 5**  
**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**  
Sunday, May 7, 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:** *Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth. (Jn 16:5-15) “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights” through Christ. (James 1:16-21) The Holy Spirit helps us by taking of what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid.” (Is 12:1-6)*

**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).

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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. We respond with thanks and joy.)*

~**Prelude** — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

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

### ~**Opening Prayer**

*(ELH p. 41)*

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

### ~**Hymn 346 *Death Is Dead, the True Life Liveth***

~**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 *O Where Is Thy Sting, Death?***

~**Absolution**

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

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He

gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**~Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

*(ELH p. 44-45; Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*

P: Glory be to God in the highest

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

**~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. 156, #70)*

P: Let us pray: O God, You make the minds of the faithful to be of one will: Grant unto Your people that they may love what You command, and desire what You promise; that among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may always be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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)*

**Isaiah 12:1-6** In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me. Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation. Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say: Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done.

Proclaim that his name is exalted! Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things!  
Let this be known in all the earth! Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for  
the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

~**Adult Choir** — *Laud Him!*

(by E. Pepping; arr. O. Christiansen)

*Laud Him, laud ye His Holy name  
O praise ye the name of the Lord  
He maketh known His will to all nations  
He alone provideth the needs of all His children  
Thou O Lord art the King  
As our fathers trusted in Thee Lord,  
So do we also trust in Thee  
O praise ye the name of the Lord.*

### **Holy Gospel Lesson**

(EHV)

**John 16:5-15** “But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

**C:** ♪ *God be prais-èd for His glad ti-dings.*

~**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 378, vv. 1-4 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice***

**~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text**

*(EHV)*

**James 1:16-21** Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls.

**~Sermon Theme**

*Brought Forth by the Word of Truth*

**~Offering Hymn 378, vv. 5, 6 *He Spoke to His Beloved Son***

*(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.)*



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## ~Reception of New Members (1<sup>st</sup> Service)

*(At this time, we ask our new members to come forward and gather around the altar area. This special rite serves to receive Christians as new members of our congregation either by transfer or profession of faith. We receive these new members as our brothers and sisters in Christ and pledge to offer our prayers and any other spiritual and physical assistance that we can provide for them. If you are interested in learning more about church membership and what it means to be a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, please speak with our Pastors. We would love to talk with you more about that!)*

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## ~Prayers & Special Petitions

*(ELH p. 48)*

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### 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.*

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~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 310, vv. 5-8 *Mighty Victim From the Sky***

**Hymn 379 *Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus***

**Hymn 378, vv. 7-10 *He Sweetly Said: Hold Fast by Me***

**Hymn 325 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee***

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

**~Closing Prayer** (ELH p. 57)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

**~Announcements**

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



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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*  
*Adult Choir Director: Tamara Omar*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 280; 10:45am, 273; Monday: 25**  
**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 17**

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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service—Tom & Joni Bode, Jim & Connie Gullixson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Elli Fisher, Loi Johnson  
**Offering Counters:** Bruce Gratz, Craig Christiansen  
**Altar Guild:** Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode  
**Media Center:** Daniel Norris

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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$30,806.52  
**Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week:** \$175.00  
**LOC total as of 5/4/23:** \$17,695.66 (\$2,304.34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)  
**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 03/31/23:** \$51,779.52

*2 Corinthians 9:8 God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work.*

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."

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**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.

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *May 7, 2023 — May 14, 2023***

<b>Sunday,</b> May 7	8:30AM	<b>New Member Welcome Sunday</b>
	9:40AM	Adult Choir Sings
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Sunday School/Bible Study
	7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
<b>Monday,</b> May 8	6:30PM	Adult Pickleball
	7PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Tues.,</b> May 9	9AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday,</b> May 10	8:10AM	Board for Stewardship
	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30PM	CDS Chapel
	8PM	Adult Bible Study
<b>Thurs.,</b> May 11		Kindergarten Program
<b>Friday,</b> May 12	10:30AM	Art After Dark
	1PM	BLC Graduation
<b>Sat.,</b> May 13	8:30AM	Introduction to Hebrew Language Class
<b>Sunday,</b> May 14	8:30AM	Strategic Planning
	9:40AM	Divine Service
	10:45AM	Sunday School/Bible Study
	1PM	Divine Service
	2PM	Encourage One Another
	6-9PM	Adult Pickleball
7:30PM	Artemis Gaming	
		Coed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School:**

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God's glory by Elli Fisher in honor of loved ones.

**New members:** Please stop in the narthex today between services to have your photograph taken for our New Member Recognition display in the Fellowship Hall.

**The last in a series of "Art After Dark" presentations** by Professor Bukowski is on Wednesday, **May 10**, at 8pm.

**After School Care** is collecting toothbrushes for the school children at the Lima school and the Luis Terry jungle school in Peru. The collection goal: 250 toothbrushes. Bring your donations to the school office from now through **May 12**.

**Encourage One Another** will meet next Sunday, **May 14**, at 1pm.

**Join us** in celebrating The Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, **May 18**. The Evangelism Committee will be serving sloppy joes from 5-6:15pm, followed by worship at 6:30pm.

**Softball Umpires Needed**: Mt. Olive is sponsoring a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Thursday, **May 18**, at Caswell Park. Games will begin at 8:30am and finish around 3:30pm. For more information, contact Mr. Zibrowski by calling the school office at 345-7927 or emailing Mr. Zibrowski at [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org).

**Syttende Mai Smørgåsbord**: Saturday, **May 20**, from 4-7:30pm, at Norseland Lutheran Church. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for more details.

### **Sponsor a Summer Outdoor Planter**

Mt. Olive member Karl Struck and Traverse Des Sioux Garden Center have very kindly offered to arrange for the planting of four large outdoor planters by the Marsh and McConnell St. entrances. Sharon Madson will take care of these planters throughout the summer season. Mt. Olive is offering individuals, families, or groups the opportunity to “sponsor” a summer planter. **These four planters are available to sponsor at \$125 each.** A sign-up sheet and “Sponsor a Planter” envelopes are available on the narthex table. Pick up an envelope as you sign up, insert a check (written to Mt. Olive) for \$125 in the envelope, and place it in the church office Flower Box by **Sunday, May 28**. Thank you!

**Camp Indianhead** is looking for three women and five men counselors for this year’s summer camp on July 9-14. If you can help, please contact the church office.

**Join us for a fun week** to learn about the Race that Jesus WON at the 2023 Mount Olive Track and Field Camp Vacation Bible School! Camp VBS will take place **July 24-27**, from 8:15am-noon, and is for students entering preschool (age 4 by September 1, 2023) through 4th grade (Fall 2023). You can expect Bible lessons, crafts, music, snacks, a free t-shirt, and a fun week of track and field! Sign up by July 9 at <https://reg.planetreg.com/E319101614190308>. To sign up as a volunteer, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c45afab2ca2f94-mount1#/>.

### **Minnesota Valley Lutheran Events:**

**MVL's Drama Department** presents its last performance of the musical *The Music Man!* at 2pm **today** at the State Street Theater in New Ulm. Tickets are available for purchase at the door.

### **"BUILDING ON THE ROCK" CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

On April 16, our MVL Delegates unanimously voted to move ahead with the "Building on the Rock" campaign! Dr. Plath and the MVL Finance Committee are working diligently to secure the loan for this project. Please consider a gift to the "Building on the Rock" campaign online or by mailing in a pledge form. Join us for the **Groundbreaking Ceremony** scheduled for **May 21** at 3pm at MVL. Construction for the project will start early to mid-June with a completion time frame of a year expected. More information can be found on the school website at [mvl.org](http://mvl.org) or by calling Mission Advancement Director, Mr. Jim Buboltz, at (507)-354-6851.

### **Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:**

#### **BLC Choir Homecoming Concert & Dennis Marzolf Retirement Reception:**

Tuesday, **May 23**, at 7pm, in Trinity Chapel. This concert features the Bethany Concert Choir, Mary Martha Singers, and Handbell Choir directed by Bethany Professors Dennis Marzolf, Ann Fredrickson, and Mark DeGarmeaux. This performance also marks the final Bethany Choir concert directed by Professor Dennis Marzolf as he is retiring after the current academic year. Following the concert is a reception in Old Main with dessert and refreshments. Please register by Tuesday, **May 16**, with number of guests attending the reception at [blc.edu/ChoirHomecoming23](http://blc.edu/ChoirHomecoming23), or contact Jake Krier at (507)344-7519 or [jake.krier@blc.edu](mailto:jake.krier@blc.edu). Check the poster on the narthex bulletin board for more details.

**Bethany Lutheran is taking applications** for a residence hall coordinator, admissions counselor, admissions visits and media coordinator, and international admissions processing. Contact Josh Pederson at [Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu](mailto:Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu) for more information.

### **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.