

EASTER 6

Sunday, May 14, 2023, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

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: *Today is known as "Rogate" Sunday, meaning "to ask." It is the Sunday of the church year that is focused on the gift that we have in Prayer. We are invited to come before God bringing our worries, anxieties, and concerns to Him - laying them before Him. We are also called upon to come before His presence with thanksgiving and praise. We are assured that He hears us when we pray to Him - and that He will be at work answering our prayers in the best possible way. This was the assurance given in the Old Testament Lesson (Jeremiah 29:11-14). Even though the people were going to experience hardship in exile, God was going to continue to hear them and bless them, as they sought God and called upon Him. We also rejoice to know of those who are going to God in prayer for us. We see Jesus doing this - praying for His church (including you!) in the Gospel Lesson (John 17:20-26). We, too, pray for one another, and in this way are not just hearers of God's Word, but doers of it. (James 1:22-27)*

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. 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 212, vv. 1, 2** *Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head*

~**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 Your Sting, Death?*

(ELH p. 42-43)

~Absolution — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, I; 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.

~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, #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.

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.

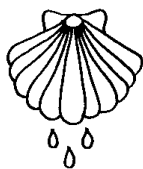
Epistle Lesson

(EHV)

James 1:22-27 Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person’s religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

~The Order of Holy Baptism



(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 need 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)

~Baptismal Hymn 246, vv. 1, 2 **God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

~Baptism of Landen Jacob Sorensen (1st Service)

(ELH p. 133ff)

~Affirmation of Baptism for Ella Kay Litynski (2nd Service)

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

~Apostles’ Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 46)

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.

~Chief Hymn 111, vv. 1-4, 7 *When Sinners See Their Lost Condition*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

John 17:20-26 “I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world’s foundation. Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them and that I may be in them.”

~Sermon Theme

“Our Savior Prays for His Church”

- 1. That we be faithful to His Word.*
- 2. That we be unified.*
- 3. That we be glorified.*

~Offering Hymn 435, vv. 1, 4 *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

(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. 48)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; 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 33, vv. 2, 4 *Shine In Our Hearts, O Most Precious Light*

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer*

(ELH p. 58-59, III)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, 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. 59; 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 212, vv. 3, 4 *Help Us to Serve Thee Evermore*

~Closing Prayer

(ELH p. 59)

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)

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann
Preservice Music: Kijana Barents

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE/LORD’S SUPPER:
Sunday: 8:30am, 230/175; 10:45am, 157/126; Monday: 27/21
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 17

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:
Greeters: 1st Service—Tom & Joni Bode, Jim & Connie Gullixson
2nd Service—Elli Fisher, Loi Johnson
Offering Counters: Bruce Gratz, Craig Christiansen
Altar Guild: Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode
Media Center: David Norris

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$17,846.73
Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$880.00
LOC total as of 5/11/23: \$19,550.66 (\$449.34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 4/30/23: \$57,397.52

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 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: *May 14, 2023 — May 21, 2023*

Sunday, May 14	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, May 15	10AM	Veterans Bible Study
	6:30PM	Divine Worship
	6:30PM	Church Council
Tues., May 16	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday, May 17	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	7PM	CDS Band Concert
Thursday, May 18		Ascension Day
	5-6:15PM	Meal
	6:30PM	Divine Service
Fri., May 19	1PM	Introduction to Hebrew Language Class
Sat., May 20		
Sunday, May 21		Sunday School Choir Sings
	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	12PM	Special Music/Hymn Sing
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	4:30 & 6:30PM	CDS Piano Recitals
	7PM	Chancel Committee
7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball	

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School:

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Duane & Brenda Garbers in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary on May 18.

Encourage One Another will meet **today**, at 1pm.

Baptized today during 1st service: Landen Jacob Sorensen, infant son of Jacob & Allison Sorensen, was born April 14, 2023. Sponsors are Kristen Thun and Isaac Sorensen.

Baptism Affirmation today during 2nd service: Ella Kay Litynski, infant daughter of Michael & Kristin Litynski, was born and baptized on March 8, 2023, by Pastor Ulrich. Sponsors are Jeremy Matzke and Emily Holzhueter.

After School Care is collecting toothbrushes for children at the Lima school and the Luis Terry jungle school in Peru. The collection goal: 250 toothbrushes. Last day for donations: Monday, **May 15**.

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.

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.

Special Music/Hymn Sing Invitation: Carl Bloedel's family invites you to join them at noon on Sunday, **May 21**, for special music and singing in thankful celebration to God of Carl's 95th Birthday. All are invited to come and join in with the music and singing!

Interested in purchasing a playhouse? Mt. Olive has one for sale. Bids may be turned in to the church office; the submission deadline is **May 26**. Contact Principal Ben Springer for more information (principal@mtolivelutheran.org).



Red Cross Blood Drive in the Mt. Olive gym: Friday, **June 2**, from 12-5pm. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter MTOLIVEKATO.

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 two more women 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#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c45afab2ca2f94-mount1#/)

Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

“BUILDING ON THE ROCK” CAMPAIGN UPDATE

On April 16, the 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 Sunday, **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 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, or contact Jake Krier at (507)344-7519 or 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 for more information.



Come Celebrate...
**The Ascension
of Our Lord**

+ Divine Service +
Thursday,
May 18, 6:30pm

Join us for Sloppy Joes from 5-6:15pm, served by the Evangelism Committee. Proceeds will be given to the Nguyen Family who lost their Lori Lane home due to a fire.



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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.