



## PENTECOST

Sunday, May 28, 2023, 8:30 & 10:00 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:** *God has promised to send His Holy Spirit to guide and lead people to see their need of forgiveness and to have God's grace in Christ as their own. The emphasis is all on God and on His Working for our good and for our salvation. On the first Pentecost, the Apostles were enabled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Law and Gospel to thousands in Jerusalem in many different languages. (Acts 2:1-21) Through their preaching of Jesus' wonders, the Holy Spirit gathered people from all nations into the one, holy, Christian, apostolic church. Pentecost continues today among us as the Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. For He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:23-31)*

**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 worshipping 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)*

~**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 2, vv. 1, 2 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

~**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 33, v. 4 Thou Highest Comfort in Ev’ry Need**

~**Absolution** — God’s declaration of forgiveness

*(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. 157, #78)*

P: Let us pray: O God, You taught the heart of Your faithful people, by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: Grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns, 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.)*

**~Epistle Lesson**

*(ELH p. 45)*

**Acts 2:1-21** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to

speaking fluently. Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely baffled and said to each other, “Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God.” They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocked them and said, “They are full of new wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words. These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: This is what God says will happen in the last days: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### ~Holy Gospel Lesson

(ELH p. 46)

**John 14:23-31** Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will hold on to my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. The one who does not love me does not hold on to my words. The word that you are hearing is not mine, but it is from the Father who sent me. “I have told you these things while staying with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you. “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

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

**~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 401** *O Day Full of Grace*

**~Exordium**

**~Exordium Hymn 399** *O Light of God's Most Wondrous Love*

**~Sermon Text**

(ELH p. 48)

***Ephesians 2:17-22*** He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**~Sermon Theme**

*"The Church Constructed by the Holy Spirit"*

1. *Its membership*
2. *Its foundation*
3. *Its activity*

**~Offering Hymn 6, v. 3** *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring! Unto the Holy Ghost We Sing*

## ~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. 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**

P: ...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.**

**~Apostolic Benediction — Blessing for God's people**

*(ELH p.49; Num. 6:24-26)*

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

**~Hymn 14 *Father, Who the Light This Day***

**~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 2, v. 3** *Thou Holy Fire, Comfort True*

~**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)

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Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: John Baumann / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER:**

**Ascension Day:** 162

**Sunday:** 8:30am, 302/205; 10:45am, 204/135; **Monday:** 26/21

**Ascension Day Live Online Viewing:** 5; **Sunday (8:30am):** 18  
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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:** David Norris  
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## **Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$13,310.03

**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](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 28, 2023 — June 4, 2023***

<b>Sunday,</b> May 28	8:30AM	Divine Service
	10AM	Divine Service
	2PM	MVL High School Graduation
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> May 29		<b>Memorial Day</b>
	6:30PM	Divine Worship
<b>Tues.,</b> May 30	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Wed.,</b> May 31	9AM	Adult Bible Study
<b>Thurs.,</b> June 1		
<b>Fri.,</b> June 2	12-5PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>Saturday,</b> June 3		Mt. Olive Volunteers @ New 2 You
		WELS/ELS Singles Outing @Alma, WI
<b>Sunday,</b> June 4	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	11AM	Voters' Meeting
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

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

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God's glory by Steve & Lois Jaeger in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Baptized on Friday, May 26:** Daphne Lillian Lano, daughter of Ryan Lano and Megan Theis, was born April 10, 2013. Sponsors are Blair and Sara Ehlenfeldt.

**The Lutheran Military Support Group** consists of WELS and ELS veterans and active-duty members of all branches of the military. Members are encouraged to deal with military issues from the Christian point of view. If you are interested in providing financial support for this group, please place your donations in the basket by the ammo can on the narthex table today.

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

Mt. Olive member Karl Struck and Traverse Des Sioux Garden Center have arranged 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. **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 **today**. Thank you!

**Summer camp registrations** for **Honor Choir** (June 17-21) and **LYA** (July 27-30) are **due Thursday, June 1**. To find more information or to register, go to [www.els.org](http://www.els.org). Both camps are great opportunities to gather with ELS church youth from across the country. And both Honor Choir and LYA are conveniently located at Bethany Lutheran College!



**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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter MTOLIVEKATO.



**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, **June 3**. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please call New 2 You at 507-345-1455 for more details. Thank you!

**Fire in the Shire:** ELS/WELS singles event, Saturday, **June 3**, in Alma, WI. Please meet in Alma at 10:30am outside the Castlerock museum. If you are coming from Mankato, we will carpool from Peace Lutheran Church in North Mankato at 7:30am. Please RSVP for the event and/or carpooling to Rachel at [rmoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com). For more information on the event, please check the web site at <https://www.explorealma.com/events/fire-in-the-shire>

**Voters:** there will be a voters' meeting at 11am next Sunday, **June 4**, to extend a call for an additional pastor.

**Listed below** are the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates from Mt. Olive Lutheran Christian Day School who received their diplomas this past Wednesday, May 24. We wish God's blessings on them as they begin high school:

### **Mount Olive Lutheran School Class of 2023**

*Hunter Bartlett*

*Owen Birkholz*

*Reed Bohlke*

*Maxwell Burger*

*Bella Cornish*

*Aiden Eckberg*

*Emmanuel Edwards*

*Evelyn Esteves*

*Jacksen Gerdts*

*Trace Gunderson*

*William Kerkow*

*Titus Kohls*

*Tucker Kohls*

*Thomas Lehne*

*Ava Lemke*

*Philip Lukasek*

*Jessica Meunier*

*Benjamin Norrick*

*Grace Onken*

*Owen Saidler*

*Sophia Schmeling*

*Andrew Stadler*

*Raegan Tiegs*

*Sophia Ulrich*

*Brevinn Vandermause*

*Bridger Woller*

For all other new announcements, please pick up your copy of the June edition 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.