



TRINITY 2

Sunday, June 18, 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: *There is a glorious feast that awaits God's people in Heaven (Is. 25:6-9). This is a feast that no one wants to miss out on. Keeping in mind our future in Heaven, we seek to follow Jesus with dedication. We want to have a spirit that desires that all people rejoice in the Gospel message and join us in Heaven. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus; yet the Master's house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15-24). We see how Jesus was determined to go even to the cross for us and for our salvation. This means that we gladly follow our Lord's call to love our brothers and continue to love those around us in spite of the opposition and hatred that we face in this world and life (1 John 3:13-18).*



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. We respond with thanks and joy.)

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

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

~**Hymn 16** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

~**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.

~**Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(ELH p. 62; 2 Sam 22:19-20, Ps 18:1-2)

P: The Lord was my Support. He brought me out into a broad place.

C: He delivered me because He delighted in me.

P: I will love you, O Lord, my Strength;

C: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

P: I will love you, O Lord, my Strength;

C: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

~**The Kyrie Eleison**— *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 63, l; Mk 10:47)

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

~**The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**— *“Glory to God in the Highest”* (ELH p. 64-66; Lk 2:14, Jn 1:29)

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. 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. 158, #85)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your holy Word You have called us to Your great supper, and we beseech You: Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but that we may prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom, and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care; through 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 25:6-9 On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

~Epistle Lesson

(EHV)

1 John 3:13-18 Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our brothers. The one who does not love remains in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. This is how we have come to know love: Jesus laid down his life for us. And we also should lay down our lives for our brothers. Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God's love remain in him? Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

~Nicene Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 69)

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.

~Hymn 412 *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

Luke 14:15-24 When one of those at the table with him heard these things, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will feast in the kingdom of God!" Jesus said to him, "A certain man made a great banquet and invited many people. When it was time for the banquet, he sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. "The first one told him, 'I bought a field, and I need to go and see it. I ask you to excuse me.' "Another one said, 'I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, and so I am unable to attend.' "The servant arrived and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' "The servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and urge them to come in, so that my house may be filled. Yes, I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.'"

~Sermon Theme

"We Want to Feast in the Kingdom of God"

~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.



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: *Mount Olive participates in the biblical, historic, loving practice of "Closed Communion." We want those who receive the Lord's Supper to receive it as a blessing and not to their harm, as Scripture warns us. (1 Cor 11:29) We also understand that those who take communion at our altar are making a public profession that they are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). Those who are not members but are visitors to Mount Olive are asked to speak with one of our pastors before communing with us. If you would like to learn more about church membership, we would invite you to join an upcoming "Bible Information Class." Please speak with a pastor for more information. Thank you for respecting our Communion practice!*

~Preface

(ELH p. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 75)

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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus — "Holy"

(ELH p. 76)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)

P: 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.

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution

(ELH p. 78; 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."

~The Pax Domini — *"The Peace of the Lord"*

(ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Agnus Dei — *"Lamb of God"*

(ELH p. 79ff; 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

(Communicants come at the direction of ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 328, vv. 1, 4 *Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness*

Hymn 413 *Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*

Hymn 309 *A Wondrous Mystery Is Here*

~Dismissal — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed*

(ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~**Nunc Dimittis** — *“Now I Depart”*

(ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

~**Collect of Thanksgiving**

(ELH p. 82-83, 1)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And His mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God’s people*

(ELH p. 84; 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 328, vv. 8, 9** *Lord, By Love and Mercy Driven*

~**Announcements**

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

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

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday: 8:30am, 163; 10am, 174; Monday: 25
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 15

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:

Greeters: Mark & Michelle Graham
Paul & Mary Jane Tweit
Offering Counters: John Schauer, Jim Gullixson
Altar Guild: Elyse Haugen, Carol Leiferman
Media Center: Daniel Norris

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$11,967.36
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 5/31/23: \$44,177.44

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.

At the recent voters' meeting, a call was extended to the Rev. Christian Eisenbeis to serve as a pastor at Mt. Olive. Please keep Rev. Eisenbeis and his family in your prayers as he considers his current call to First Trinity in Marinette, WI, and the call to Mt. Olive.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *June 18, 2023 — June 25, 2023*

Sunday, June 18	8:30AM 10AM 4PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Synod Convention Service at Trinity Chapel Coed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, June 19	6:30PM 6:30PM	Synod Convention @ BLC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Stewardship
Tuesday, June 20	9AM 6:30PM	Synod Convention @ BLC Ladies' Bible Study Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday, June 21	7PM	Synod Convention @ BLC No Chapel Service @ Trinity Chapel Apologetics Conference @ BLC
Thurs., June 22	10:30AM & 1PM	Apologetics Conference @ BLC
Fri., June 23		
Sat., June 24		
Sunday, June 25	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 12-4PM 6-9PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Annual Voters' Meeting CDS Open House, School Work Day Artemis Gaming Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School:

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Jacie Lieske in memory of her husband, Wilbur.

The ELS Synod Convention will be held **June 18-22**. The convention schedule and a digital copy of the Book of Reports and Memorials are available at <https://els.org/convention/>. The convention schedule is also available in the June issue of the *Olive Press*.

Cross-Stitch cordially invites you to their 2023 mission presentation on Monday, **June 19**, at 7:15pm at the YFAC Theater. Rev. Steve Petersen will be speaking on the topic "Surprising Hospitality: 20 Years of Travel to World Missions."

No Summertime Chapel Service at Trinity Chapel this week due to the Synod Convention.

The 5th annual ELS Apologetics and Worldviews Conference is **June 21 and 22** at Bethany Lutheran College. See the June issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

Voters: mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting at 11am on Sunday, **June 25**.

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, **June 25**, to help with our school's "to do" list. Work will begin following the 10am service. Lunch will be provided.

New 2 You Family Thrift – **Volunteers are needed** on Saturday, **July 1**. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please call New 2 You at 507-345-1455 for more details. Thank you!

Camp Indianhead Bus Pre-Registration is now available. Please complete registration for each camper in your family by **July 3**. The cost per camper is \$40 (\$50 per camper after June 19). Payment will be collected on July 9 prior to departing for camp. To complete registration, email Lance Johnson at lgustavj77@gmail.com or use the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4AADA722A1FB6-camp>

SAVE THE DATES: Mt. Olive will participate in the North Mankato Fun Days Parade on Saturday, **July 8**. Line-up information will be shared once it is received. Eagle Lake's Tator Days parade is Saturday, **July 15**. Line up is on Creekside Drive at 12:30pm; the parade starts at 1pm. All youth who join us for the Fun Days parade receive **free ride tickets to Family Fun Shows**.

Learn about the Race that Jesus WON at the 2023 Mount Olive Track and Field Camp Vacation Bible School on **July 24-27**, from 8:15am-12pm. The Camp is for students entering preschool (age 4 by September 1, 2023) through 4th grade (Fall 2023). Sign up by July 9 at <https://reg.planetreg.com/E319101614190308>.

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.