

## TRINITY 7

Sunday, July 23, 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 (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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:** *In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7-17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground.” In other words, “The wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:19-23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4000 (Mark 8:1-9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. The Lord provides both spiritually and physically for His people. “I will satisfy the thirsty, and I will give rest to everyone who is weary.” (Jer 31:23-25).*

*Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)*

*“Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the Middle Ages. The Lutheran Church kept the matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word. In this early morning hour, we rejoice to hear God’s Word proclaim to us the Good News that “He Is Risen!”*



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)*

~**Opening Hymn 81, vv. 1-3, 8, 9 O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright**

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 109)*

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening sentences*

*(ELH p. 109-110; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)*

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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. Alleluia!**

~**Invitatory** — *Invitation to worship*

(ELH p. 110; Ps. 95:6)

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

**C: ♪ For He is our Maker.**

~**Liturgical Hymn, p. 111** *Venite Exultemus* — “Come! Let us exalt”

(Ps. 95:1-7)

~**Old Testament Lesson**

(EHV)

**Jeremiah 31:23-25** This is what the LORD of Armies, the God of Israel, says. When I bring them back from captivity, they will once again say in the land of Judah and in its cities: “The LORD bless you, you righteous dwelling place, you holy mountain.” Judah and all its cities will live there together, the farmers and those who follow their flocks. I will satisfy the thirsty, and I will give rest to everyone who is weary.

~**Responsory** — *Response to hearing God’s Word*

(ELH p. 112)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Epistle Lesson**

(EHV)

**Romans 6:19-23** (I am speaking in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh.) Indeed, just as you offered your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, resulting in more lawlessness, so now offer your members in the same way as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. So what kind of fruit did you have then? They were things of which you are now ashamed. Yes, the final result of those things is death. But now, since you were set free from sin and have become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification—and the final result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the undeserved gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~**Hymn 460** *O How Great Is Thy Compassion*

~**Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

(EHV)

**Mark 8:1-9** In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “I feel compassion for the crowd because they have already stayed with me three days and do not have anything to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way. Some of them have come

from a long distance.” His disciples replied, “Where can anyone get enough bread to feed these people here in this deserted place?” He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” “Seven,” they said. He commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, gave thanks, and broke them. He gave the pieces to his disciples to distribute to the crowd, and they did so. They also had a few small fish. He blessed them and said that these should be distributed as well. The people ate and were satisfied. They picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. About four thousand men were there. Then he sent them away.

### ~Sermon Theme

*“How Great Is God’s COMPASSION!”*

### ~Offering Hymn 226, vv. 4, 8, 9 *By Grace God’s Son*

### ~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.)*

### ~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Liturgical Hymn, p. 114-116 *Te Deum Laudamus* — “We praise You, O God”

~Kyrie - “Lord”

*(ELH p. 116-117)*

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

~Lord’s Prayer

*(ELH p. 117; Mt 6:9-13)*

**C: ♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer*

(ELH p. 118, 1)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.**

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

(ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

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

(ELH p. 119; 2 Cor 13:14)

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

C: ♪ **Amen.**

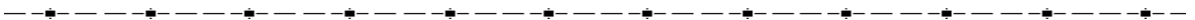
~**Hymn 596** *Praise to Thee and Adoration*

~**Announcements**

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

(See "Prayers for Worship"

—ELH p. 40)



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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organist: Cassie Johnson*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 223/172; 10am, 158/109; Monday: 39/33**  
**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 14**  
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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:**

**Greeters:** Keith Anderson,  
Ross & Betsy Hermanson

**Offering Counters:** Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode

**Altar Guild:** Peggy Harstad, Emily Christensen

**Media Center:** David Norris  
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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$13,903.97

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 6/30/23:** \$51,193.22

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

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: *July 23, 2023 — July 30, 2023***

<b>Sunday,</b> July 23	8:30AM 10AM 12PM-4PM 6-9PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service CDS Open House Artemis Gaming Coed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> July 24	8:15AM-12PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Camp VBS Divine Service Board for Stewardship Evangelism Committee
<b>Tues.,</b> July 25	8:15AM-12PM	Camp VBS
<b>Wednesday,</b> July 26	8:15AM-12PM 10AM	Camp VBS Chapel Service @ BLC
<b>Thursday,</b> July 27	8:15AM-12PM	Camp VBS LYA Convention @ BLC
<b>Fri.,</b> July 28		LYA Convention @ BLC
<b>Sat.,</b> July 29		LYA Convention @ BLC
<b>Sunday,</b> July 30	8:30AM 10AM 7:30PM	LYA Convention @ BLC Divine Service ( <b>No</b> Communion) LYA Closing Service w/Holy Communion Coed Recreational Volleyball

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

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God’s glory by an anonymous donor in honor of the pastoral ministry of Pastor Petersen and Pastor Ulrich.

**Summertime Noontime Organ Recital:** Tuesday, **July 25**, at 12:10pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato. Enjoy a performance by Professor Craig Hirschmann.

**Ice Cream Social:** Trinity Lutheran in Nicollet invites you to their Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, **July 26**, from 4:30 to 7pm. The menu is BBQs, egg salad and ham sandwiches, baked beans, pie, ice cream, desserts, root beer floats and beverages.

**Bethany Lutheran College** will be auctioning off a home and a duplex at 4pm on Monday, **July 31**, in the Honsey Hall board room. See the announcement on the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.

**Next Sunday, July 30:** We are honored to be hosting the **Lutheran Youth Association** Sunday Service! LYA attendees (180+ youth & their leaders) will be worshipping with us at our 10am service. This special service will also include Holy Communion (Mt. Olive members are also welcome to attend and receive Communion at the 10am service). Pr. Nate Abrahamson, from Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, WI, will be the guest preacher at both services.



**Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Mt. Olive gym: Friday, **August 4**, 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, **August 5**. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please call New 2 You at 507-345-1455 for more details. Thank you!

**Cottage Food License Holders?** Mount Olive Lutheran School is looking for anyone in possession of a cottage food production license. We are seeking additional options as part of our hot lunch program, especially from people who might be able to jar produce for use during the winter months. For more information, please contact Principal Springer at 517-902-4219 or [principal@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:principal@mtolivelutheran.org). Thank you!

**Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School** needs bus drivers for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested, contact Ray Vulcan at [rayv@palmerbusservice.com](mailto:rayv@palmerbusservice.com).

**Bethany Lutheran College** is taking applications for a custodian (academic buildings), two adjunct faculty—nursing department positions, a business office administrative assistant, international admissions processing, and an assistant Esports coach. Go to [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu) for more information, or contact Josh Pederson, Director of Human Resources, at [Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu](mailto:Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu).

### **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.