



**Lutheran Youth Association Convention—
Closing Service w/ Holy Communion**

Sunday, July 30, 2023; 10:00 AM



Mount Olive
Lutheran Church and School

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)

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.

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 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 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 6, v. 4 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring! Unto our Triune God We Sing**

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

(ELH p. 41-42, II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~**Kyrie Eleison** – *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**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. 160, #96)

P: Let us pray: Grant to us, Lord, we beseech You, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; 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

(ELH p. 45; EHV)

Genesis 1:26-28 God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth." God created the man in his own image. In the image of God he created him. Male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

~Epistle Lesson

(ELH p. 45; EHV)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

~LYA Choir

1. *Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; my words are vain;
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

The Gift of Love (Hal H. Hopson)

2. *Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

3. *Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

~Holy Gospel Lesson

(ELH p. 46; EHV)

John 5:19-29 Jesus answered them directly, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: The Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. And he will show him even greater works than these so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to those he wishes. “In fact, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, so that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He is not going to come into judgment but has crossed over from death to life. “Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.

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.

~Hymn 302 *The Tree of Life*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

1 John 3:1-3 See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

~Sermon Theme

"Created for LIFE!"

~Offering Hymn 404, vv. 4, 5 *The Lord, My God, Be Praised, My God*

~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.)

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.

A Note to Our 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** — *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, 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 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**

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

Hymn 320 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed

Hymn 239 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Hymn 310, vv. 1-6 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

Hymn 327, v. 3 May God Bestow on Us His Grace and Favor

~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.**

~Hymn 590 *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

~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)

*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Preacher: Pastor Nate Abrahamson
Organist/Accompanist: John Baumann
LYA Choir Director: Tamara Omar*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 187; 10am, 176; Monday: 52
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 18

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: Daniel Norris

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$10,020.66

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

Colossians 3:17 (EHV) And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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: *July 30, 2023 — August 6, 2023*

Sunday, July 30	8:30AM 10AM 7:30PM	LYA Convention @ BLC Divine Service (No Communion) LYA Closing Service w/Holy Communion Coed Recreational Volleyball
Mon., July 31	6:30PM	Divine Service
Tues., August 1	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wed., August 2	10AM	Chapel Service @ BLC
Thurs., August 3		
Fri., August 4	12PM-5PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sat., August 5		Mt. Olive Volunteers @ New 2 You
Sunday, August 6	8:30AM 10AM 11AM-3PM 2PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion School Cleaning Adult Pickleball Board of Education Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School:

Flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Doug & Rhonda Kuhlman in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11.

We thank Pastor Nate Abrahamson, from Abiding Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove and Fort Atkinson, WI, for being our guest preacher today.

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.



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 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!



Mt. Olive members donated 42.5 lbs. of food to the ECHO Food Shelf during the month of July. Thank you for your generosity.

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. 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.

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 for more information, or contact Josh Pederson, Director of Human Resources, at Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu.

For all other new announcements, please pick up your copy of the August edition of the *Olive Press* from the narthex table today.

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.