



## TRINITY 9

Sunday, August 6, 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:** . *We can rejoice in the great love that God has shown us: “..While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom 5:8). Now that we have such confidence and security in God, we can be radical in our stewardship. We should be shrewd in using the things that God has entrusted to us, not for selfish purposes, but to promote and share the confidence and security that we have as God's people (Luke 16:1-9). King David acknowledged that "All that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord....Riches and honor come from You" (1 Chronicles 29:10-13). Knowing this gives us encouragement to live without fear. God is the One who will bless us as we face the needs and challenges of this life. Through Word and Sacraments, He strengthens our faith. Our attitude can be one of joyful hope in God. God provides for all our needs!*



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 26, vv. 1, 4, 5** *O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine*

~**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; Ps 54:1, 4, 5; Rom 5:7-8; NKJV)

P: God shows His love for us in this: While we were still sinners,

**C: Christ died for us.**

P: Behold, God is my helper,

**C: The Lord is with those who uphold my soul.**

P: God shows His love for us in this:

**C: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

P: He will repay my enemies for their evil.

**C: Cut them off in Your truth.**

P: Save me, O God, by Your name,

**C: And vindicate me by Your strength.**

P: God shows His love for us in this: While we were still sinners,

**C: Christ died for us.**

**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: God shows His love for us in this: While we were still sinners,

**C: Christ died for us.**

~**The Kyrie Eleison**— *“Lord, Have Mercy”* (ELH p. 63, 1; 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. 160, #98)

P: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as are pleasing to You; 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.**

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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.)*

~**Old Testament Lesson**

(EHV)

**1 Chronicles 29:10-13** David blessed the LORD in the presence of the entire assembly. He said: Blessed are you, LORD, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity. To you, O LORD, belong greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty, because everything in the heavens and on the earth belongs to you. You, LORD, are exalted as head above everything. The kingdom belongs to you. Riches and honor come from you. You are ruling over everything. In your hand are power and strength. It is in your power to make anyone great and strong. Now, our God, we are thanking you and praising your glorious name.

~**Alleluia** — *“God Be Praised”*

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

(EHV)

P: The Holy Gospel for the ninth Sunday in Trinity is written in the 16th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the first verse.

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord!**

**Luke 16:1-9** Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’ “The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’ “He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How

much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

~**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 363** *Thou Art the Way*

## ~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

**Romans 5:6-11** For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

## ~Sermon Theme

*REJOICE IN THE LORD'S LOVE!*

- 1. For it is a love willing to make a great sacrifice for us.*
- 2. A love that assures us of our salvation.*
- 3. A love which moves us to share it with others.*

## ~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](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. 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.

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### 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 495 *I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord***

**Hymn 309 *A Wondrous Mystery Is Here***

**Hymn 327 *O Lord, We Praise Thee***

~**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, v. 8** *Lord, By Love and Mercy Driven*

~**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>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 214; 10am (LYA Closing), 365/292; Monday: 47**

**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 24**

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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:**

**Greeters:** Marge Lillo, Lois Otto,  
Steve Lussky

**Offering Counters:** Seth Tweit, Bob Fosburgh

**Altar Guild:** Terri Westphal, Connie Meyer

**Media Center:** John Baumann

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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$15,905.96

**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](http://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: August 6, 2023 — August 13, 2023**

<b>Sunday,</b> August 6	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	11AM-3PM	School Cleaning
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6:30PM	Board of Education
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> August 7	6:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	7PM	Board of Deacons
<b>Tues.,</b> August 8	6:30PM	CDS Back to School Night (Grades 6-8)
<b>Wed.,</b> August 9		
<b>Thurs.,</b> August 10		
<b>Fri.,</b> August 11		
<b>Sat.,</b> August 12		
<b>Sunday,</b> August 13	8:30AM	Divine Service
	10AM	Divine Service
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

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

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God's glory by Bill & Suzanne Bohning.

**Mt. Olive Lutheran School's Annual Cleaning Day** is today, from 11AM-3PM. Join us as we make our school sparkle! Cleaning supplies will be provided.

**The last Summer Noontime Organ Recital for 2023** is Tuesday, **August 8**, at 12:10pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato. Enjoy a performance by Christine Schulz.

**Mt. Olive is hosting a school supply drive** to benefit The Reach, a drop-in center for homeless/at risk youth in the Mankato area, from **August 1-20**. Place your donations in the boxes in the band room hallway.

**Volunteers are needed** to coach Mt. Olive School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team. More information is available in the August *Olive Press*. Contact Mr. Zibrowski at [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org) if you are interested.

**Have you noticed?** Many of our hymn books are looking worn, soiled, and/or have a weak binding. We would like to replace 80-100 hymn books, at a cost of \$12/book. Consider making a donation toward the purchase of new hymn books by placing a check in the offering with "New Hymnals" in the memo line of the check. Thank you!

**Back to School Sunday** is **August 20**. We will be switching back to our regular service times of **8:30am and 10:45am**. Our school faculty rededication and installation will occur during the 8:30am service, followed by coffee and refreshments after the service. Free gifts will be available for our college students!

**Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:** you should have received a letter regarding the start of confirmation classes this fall. Please contact the church office if you did not receive this letter.

**Free: used student lockers** that need a home. Contact Jules Merseth at 507-381-3975 if you can use one (or more).

**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.