



## TRINITY 11 / SCHOOL FACULTY INSTALLATION & REDEDICATION

Sunday, August 20, 2023, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Benjamin Springer

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:** *Samuel writes, "God saves humble people." (2 Samuel 22:21-29) We see this also in St. Paul, who because of his sinful past admitted that he was "not worthy to be called an apostle." Yet, God delivered Christ and the forgiveness of sins to Paul so that he proclaimed, "By the grace of God I am what I am." (1 Corinthians 15:1-10) God gives His grace to the humble, even to tax collectors and prostitutes who believe in Him, as Jesus points out in today's Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32) God continues to deliver Christ and the forgiveness of sins to humble, repentant hearts today as we hear His word and receive the Lord's Supper. Today, we also humbly come before God asking for His blessings and power to be shared with our School Faculty as the upcoming school year begins this week.*



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 453** *Out of the Deep I Call*

~**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 68:1, 3, 5; NKJV)*

P: God is in His holy habitation;

**C: He gives a home to the desolate.**

P: The God of Israel gives strength and power to His people.

**C: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered;**

P: Let those also who hate Him flee before His glory.

**C: But let the righteous be glad;**

P: Let them rejoice before God;

**C: Let them rejoice exceedingly.**

P: Blessed be the Lord.

**C: Day by day He bears our burdens. He is the God who saves 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 is in His holy habitation;

**C: He gives a home to the desolate.**

~**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. 161, #103)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we beseech You so to guide and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not forget our sins and be filled with pride, but continue in daily repentance and renewal, seeking comfort only in the blessed knowledge that You will be merciful to us, forgive us our sins, and grant us eternal life; 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.**

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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)

**2 Samuel 22:21-29** The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness. According to the cleanness of my hands, he has repaid me, because I have kept the ways of the LORD. I have not done evil and departed from my God. So all his just decrees remain before me, and I have not turned away from his statutes. I have been blameless with him. I have kept myself from guilt. The LORD has repaid me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. To the merciful you reveal yourself as merciful. To the blameless person you reveal yourself as blameless. To the pure you reveal yourself as pure, but to the crooked you reveal yourself as crafty. Yes, you save humble people, but your eyes are on the proud, and you bring them down. Yes, you are my lamp, O LORD. The LORD turns my darkness to light.

~**Alleluia** — *"God Be Praised"*

(ELH p. 67)

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

### ~**Epistle Lesson**

(EHV)

**1 Corinthians 15:1-10** Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance

with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it).

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**~Installation of Miss Sarah Strom  
& The Rededication of the Mt. Olive School Faculty**

*(1st Service Only)*

*(Near the start of each school year, we have a special ceremony to "Install" new teachers or administrators who have been called to serve in our school and congregation and to "Rededicate" those who have already been serving. During this ceremony, those being "installed" or "rededicated" come forward and give a solemn promise before God and the congregation to faithfully carry out the tasks and duties of the public ministry—serving as teachers or administrators in our Christian Day School. Both the congregation and also the students of the school are encouraged to support these called workers and to recognize them as carrying out their tasks on behalf of the Lord. We also offer prayers today, and throughout the year, that God might bless our school through the dedicated work of our school faculty.)*



**Principal:** Mr. Benjamin Springer  
**Athletic Director &**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dept.:** Mr. Craig Zibrowski

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dept.:** Mrs. Donna Fosburgh

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dept** Mrs. Mandy Pavelchik

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mrs. Joni Moldstad & Mr. Anthony Navarro

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Mr. Jacob Beilke

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Mrs. Ashley Olsen, Mrs. Barbara Halvorson, & Miss Sarah Strom

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Mrs. Anita Krienke

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Mrs. Jessica Gunderson & Mrs. Miranda Dittmer

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Kari Sehloff & Miss Sarah Strom



P: Miss Sarah Strom, you have been called through the Board of Education of Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church to serve as a teacher in our Christian Day School.

By divine guidance, you have recognized in this call the voice of God and are now about to begin the duties of your important position. Recognizing that for the faithful performance of your work you will be held accountable to our Lord, I ask you in the presence of God and of this congregation, "Do you promise to faithfully carry out all the duties of your office according to the ability God has given you?" If so, then answer, **"I do so promise with the help of God."**

Miss Sarah Strom: I install you as a teacher at Mt. Olive Lutheran School in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord pour out on you His Holy Spirit for the work committed to you, that you may faithfully proclaim the gospel.



**TO EACH OF YOU** who have returned to continue in your Divine Calls as faculty members here at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School, I ask you also, as you rededicate yourselves to this work of the Lord, "Do you promise to faithfully continue to carry out all the duties of your office according to the ability God has given you?" If so, then answer, **"I do so promise with the help of God."**

Go then, all of you, and faithfully perform your work among the lambs of Christ, that is, the children of this church and all those enrolled in Mt. Olive Lutheran School who are committed to your care. As faculty members, you are to assist Pastor Ulrich and myself, as ministers of the Word and shepherds of the whole flock, in feeding them with the Word in sound doctrine. You are to assist the parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Do this not by compulsion, but willingly; not for pursuit of riches, but of a ready heart and mind eager to serve Christ in serving others to the glory of God. Remember to be examples both to the children and to the whole congregation in your Christian conduct. And thus, by God's grace, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away. The Lord bless you from on high and continue to make you a blessing both to the school and to this, His Christian congregation.



**TO THE CONGREGATION:** Dearly beloved, I heartily admonish you through Jesus Christ, who has graciously given these teachers to our school, that you would look upon these teachers and honor them as those sent by our Lord. Faithfully assist them in the performance of their duties. Teach your children to respect and obey their teachers and diligently aid these servants of the Lord in the Christian training of your children. Do this for the sake of our Lord Jesus that His name may be glorified in our school by our children and among all our members.



**TO THE CHILDREN:** Dear children and students at Mt. Olive School, may Jesus, our Good Shepherd, give to you, pious and dutiful hearts set to obey willingly your dear teachers. May He grant that you may gladly learn from their instructions, especially as they teach the Word of God. Do not resist the discipline they impose in God's name, so that their work may be an everlasting blessing to you, and that the Good Shepherd's promise for His lambs be fulfilled in you. His promise is to His lambs and His sheep as He says, "I give unto them eternal life." Amen.

To the end that our gracious God may crown the labors of our teachers with His blessing, let us pray:

Almighty God, You have established among us a Christian school, and would have all pure arts and useful knowledge to be consecrated to Your service. We bless and magnify Your holy name and give thanks to You for Your great goodness. And we ask You, bestow on us the full measure of Your blessing, that Your Word may dwell richly in us and our children and Your name be glorified among us. Grant unto these Your servants Your Holy Spirit and adorn them with wisdom and power from on high, that they may always lead our little ones to You. Incline the hearts of our children to godliness and obedience, and let them so profit by instruction in Your Holy Word that they may be preserved from all ungodliness, serve You all their days, and finally obtain eternal life. Heavenly Father, use us all as Your servants that in faithful service to you and Your Word Your kingdom is built both here and elsewhere to the very end of days. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Go, then, take up the work to which you have been called. The Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many, that you may bear fruit and that your fruit may remain to eternal life.



~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 13 *Dearest Jesus, Draw Thou Near Me*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

**Matthew 21:28-32** “What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.

~Sermon Theme

*WHO IS DOING THE FATHER'S WILL?*

1. *Good appearances don't count.*
2. *Faithful responses do.*



~**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!*

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#### ~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 454 Not in Anger, Mighty God**

**Hymn 219 Lord, As Thou Wilt, Deal Thou with Me**

**Hymn 312 Bread of the World**

~**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 580 Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

~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:**  
**Sunday: 8:30am, 211; 10am, 176; Monday: 38**  
**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 13**

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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:** Benjamin Springer  
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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$12,823.16

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit)** as of 7/31/23: \$58,427.43

*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.”

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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: August 20, 2023 — August 27, 2023**

<b>Sunday,</b> August 20	8:30AM	<b>Back to School Sunday</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion; Faculty Installation/Rededication
	9:30AM	Coffee Hour
	<b>10:45AM</b>	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> August 21	6:30PM 7PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board for Stewardship
<b>Tues.,</b> August 22		
<b>Wednesday,</b> August 23	8:10AM	CDS 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School CDS Opening Chapel Service
<b>Thurs.,</b> August 24		
<b>Fri.,</b> August 25		
<b>Sat.,</b> August 26		
<b>Sunday,</b> August 27	8:30AM	Divine Service
	10:45AM	Outdoor Divine Service
	12PM	Church Picnic
	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 Keith & Claudia Eisberg in honor of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 25.

**Today, at our first service,** we installed our newest teacher, Sarah Strom. Sarah graduated from Bethany Lutheran College with an Elementary Education degree and ELS synod certification in May of 2023. While at Bethany, she competed on the volleyball team and played cello in the chamber orchestra. This past spring, Sarah received a call to teach at Mount Olive Lutheran School. She is looking forward to spending her first year teaching at Mount Olive, splitting her time between the Kindergarten and 3rd grade classrooms.

**Today is the last day to donate toward the school supply drive** benefiting The Reach. Place your donations in the boxes in the band room hallway.

**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!**

FREE GIFT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

BACK TO REGULAR SERVICE TIMES!

Sunday, August 20 | 8:30am & 10:45 am

- Join us for the Rededication of our School Faculty & Installation of New Mt. Olive Faculty (8:30am Service)
- Enjoy Coffee & Refreshments after services as we get to know new School families
- WELCOME BACK COLLEGE STUDENTS!



**SUNDAY AUG. 27 10:45AM**

Held on the West Lawn

Food | Entertainment | Fellowship

Please Bring: Lawn Chairs or Blanket, Side Dish to Share, Friends & Family

JOIN US FOR OUR...  
**OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC**

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**The ELS/WELS Singles Group** is visiting the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN, on Saturday, **August 26**. Meet at the entrance at 10am. For more info, go to: <https://arb.umn.edu/>. To RSVP, email Rachel at [rmoldstad@gmail.com](mailto:rmoldstad@gmail.com).

**New Directory Efforts:** We need your assistance to update our church records and produce a new Member Directory. Starting **Sunday, August 27**, volunteers will be available before and after the church services at tables in the narthex. They will have our current church records (e.g. names, addresses, emails, phone numbers) available. Stop by and verify that the information we have for you is up-to-date. If there is information that you would like to not have published, we will honor that request, but we would still appreciate having that contact information available for use by the church office. Also, if you want a box of offering envelopes for 2024, let the volunteers know.

**Help Wanted:** Lance & Cassie Johnson are seeking an individual to assist their high-functioning, cognitively-disabled teenage daughter with independent living skills. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for more information.



**Volunteers Needed!** – Mt. Olive provides volunteers at New 2 You the first Saturday of each month. Our next scheduled date is Saturday, **September 2**. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Call New 2 You at 507-385-1455 for more details. Thank you!

**Also, New 2 You is looking for a part-time employee.** Please check the job description on the narthex bulletin board for more information.

**Peace/Mt. Olive Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study** is getting ready to begin their Fall 2023 session. The M.O.M.s study is for all mothers to gather, support, and strengthen each other in their vocation as moms.



	<b>Thursday Morning M.O.M.s Study:</b>
<b>When:</b>	Thursdays, 8:30-10am, beginning <b>September 14</b> ; childcare begins @ 8:10am
<b>Where:</b>	Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato
<b>Topic:</b>	<i>Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust</i> by Sharla Fritz
<b>Contact:</b>	Heidi Graham (507)317-1949 or heidijennifergraham@gmail.com

Participants will need a copy of the book, *Waiting*, by Sharla Fritz. You can purchase the book at the Bethany Bookstore or online at Amazon; if this is not feasible for you, email Heidi Graham.

**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.