



TRINITY 13

Sunday, September 3, 2023; 8:30 & 10:45 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 worship area. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week: *God has given us His Law. He is serious about His Law. He commands that we keep His Law. It would be a grave mistake to leave His commands behind to instead take up the "doings of the land" in which we are living (Leviticus 18:1-5). Yet, we also must understand that the fulfillment of God's Law is not found in ourselves or our own actions. His Law points out our sinfulness and guilt. This was the point of Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Jesus was teaching the expert in the Law that we have all acted like the priest and Levite. We have not shown the kind of love that we should show to others. But thanks be to God, Jesus, like the Good Samaritan, has come and shown love even to His enemies. Knowing we have this love coming to us from Jesus, we seek to love one another (John 13:34-35).*

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 worshiping 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 459, vv. 1, 2 *Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us***

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

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. 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 a 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.

~**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. 161, #106)

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You have made us heirs of Your eternal and great promises: Increase in us daily the gifts of faith, hope, and love, that we may love all that You command; 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** (EHV)

Leviticus 18:1-5 The LORD spoke to Moses: "Speak to the Israelites and tell them this." I am the LORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived. You shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. Do not walk in their religious practices. Follow my ordinances and

keep my regulations by walking in them. I am the LORD your God. Keep my regulations and my ordinances. Anyone who does them will have life through them. I am the LORD.

~**Epistle Lesson**

(EHV)

Galatians 3:15-22 Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. When someone has established a last will and testament, no one nullifies it or adds to it. The promises God spoke referred to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "And to seeds," as if it were referring to many, but, as referring to one, "And to your seed," who is Christ. What I am saying is this: The law, which came into being 430 years after the covenant established earlier by God in Christ, does not annul that covenant, with the result that it invalidates the promise. In fact, if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by the promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham by a promise. Then what about the law? It was added for the purpose of revealing transgressions, until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. It was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not needed for one party, but God is one. Then is the law against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given that could give life, certainly righteousness would have been derived from the law. But Scripture imprisoned all things under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ would be given to those who believe.

~**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.

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

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

Luke 10:25-37 Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the law?" he asked him. "What do you read there?" He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself." He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.' Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?" "The one who showed mercy to him," he replied. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

~Sermon Theme

TWO CRUCIAL QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY OUR LORD:

- 1. What must I do to inherit eternal life?*
- 2. Who is my neighbor?*

~Offering Hymn 459, v. 5 *Lord of Glory, Who Has Bought Us*

~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).

~Prayers & Special Petitions

(ELH p. 48)

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 207 *Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way*

Hymn 316/317 *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

Hymn 409, vv. 3-6 *I Thank Thee, Jesus*

~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.

~Closing Hymn 506 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go* (ELH p. 56)

~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 John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday: 8:30am, 209; 10:45am, 265; Monday: 25
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 22

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:
Greeters: 1st Service—Don & Beth Westphal, Peggy Harstad
2nd Service—Dean & LuAnn Shoop
Offering Counters: Mark Graham, Mark Olson
Altar Guild: Lynette Merseth, Krista Petzel
Media Center: Jerris & Mathias Barents

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$11,474.03
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 7/31/23: \$58,427.43

2 Corinthians 9:7(EHV): Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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: *September 3, 2023 — September 10, 2023*

Sunday, September 3	8:30AM 10:45AM 2PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Adult Pickleball Coed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, September 4	6:30PM 7PM	Labor Day—No CDS Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Deacons
Tuesday, September 5	9AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Ladies' Bible Study Jesus Cares Ministry Board of Education
Wed., September 6	8:05AM	CDS Chapel Service
Thurs., September 7		
Fri., September 8		CDS Picture Day
Saturday, September 9	9AM 9AM	5 th Gr. & 6 th Gr., VB Public School League @ Cathedral, New Ulm A Team VB, Redwood Falls Round Robin Tourney @ Redwood Valley High School
Sunday, September 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM 6-9PM 7:30PM	Rally Day Divine Service; Sunday School Teacher Installation/Rededication Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service Encourage One Another Adult Pickleball Artemis Gaming Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School:

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory in thankfulness for His many blessings to us all.

New Directory Efforts: We need your assistance to update our church records and produce a new Member Directory. **Each Sunday in September**, volunteers will be available between 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. Also, please indicate on the records if you want a box of offering envelopes for 2024. In addition,

Time and Talents Survey worksheets are available; if you have not already done so, please complete the form and turn it into the Church Office.

Mums for MVL Fundraiser: The Booster Club is selling mums; 40% of each mum sold will go to MVL. Order your mums at <https://lonepineacres.com/shop>. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board or the September *Olive Press* for more information. Orders are due **September 8**, by 5 pm.

Rally Day is next Sunday, **September 10**. Sunday School teacher installation and rededication will occur at the 1st service. Sunday School, Jr./Sr. Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study, and Bible Information Class for new members will resume between services at 9:40am. See the September *Olive Press* for more details.

Sunday School students (PreK-6th grade) will begin the year by working on a piñata craft connected to Bible stories. Invite a friend to join you!

Connect Groups will also be starting the **week of September 10**. See the Connect Group Display and sign-up sheets on the narthex table for more information.

The Mankato Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will be meeting Monday, **September 11**, at 7 pm in Meyer Hall. Professor Mark DeGarmeaux will be speaking.

The Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study resumes on **September 13**. Pastor Petersen will be leading a study of the 2023 ELS Convention Essay based on Psalm 139:14: "We Are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made."

Mt. Olive Lutheran Choir's first rehearsal is Wednesday, **September 13**, at 7pm in the sanctuary. Meet this year's choir director, Mr. Phil Matzke.

The Peace/Mt. Olive Moms on a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible Study begins their Fall 2023 session on Thursday, **September 14**, at 8:30am at Peace Lutheran, North Mankato. Check the September issue of the *Olive Press* for more information.

Mark your calendar for Mt. Olive's Annual **Mission Support Bake Sale** on Sunday, **September 24**. Proceeds will go to ELS Foreign and Home Missions. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex .

Join Mt. Olive students in their annual **Charger Challenge** fundraiser! All students will walk FOUR MILES for their school on Friday, **September 29**, (rain date of October 6). Help them reach their goal of raising \$43,000 for technology upgrades, Christian curriculum, and handbell refurbishment! Find more information in the

September *Olive Press* or online at school.mtolivelutheran.org. Questions? Email Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com.

After School Care is collecting empty 2-liter soda bottles (w/lids), empty whipped cream cans, and empty strawberry sauce bottles (for dramatic play); and pop tabs (for the Ronald McDonald House Charities). Drop off your donations at the church office.

Nursery Committee: We would like to update the church nursery to better serve our parents and young families. If you have suggestions for improvement or would like to join Karla Reagles on the Nursery Committee to help follow through on approved suggestions, please contact her at karla.reagles@blc.edu or (608)-385-2694. Please have all suggestions sent in by **October 1** so we can move forward with planning. Thank you!

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

On display at the YFAC, September 5-28: “Handle Without Care—A Corrugated Experience”, by Michael Wiechmann. Michael will speak about his work at a reception on Thursday, **September 7**, at 7pm.

Jazz10 Event: Wednesday, **September 6**, 7pm, on the Campus Green. Jazz10 plays both classic and modern jazz songs. This event is free and open to the public.

Theatre Physics 30 will be performed in the Lee Theater on **September 15** at 7pm and 9pm, **September 16** at 5:30pm and 7:30pm, and **September 17** at 2pm. This event will have general admission seating. Tickets can be purchased at blc.edu/boxoffice or by calling 507-344-7374.

Bethany Lutheran’s National Auxiliary Day is Monday, **September 25**, beginning at 9am. Attendees will hear from Bethany leadership, tour new facilities, get updates from the ELS and the Seminary over lunch, and participate in their annual business meeting. See the posters and flyers on the narthex bulletin board for details.

Job Opportunities: BLC is taking applications for the following positions: Admissions Processing, Administrative Assistant—Business Office & Student Receivables, and International Student Coordinator. For more information, go to <http://blc.edu/campus-life/campus-services/human-resources/bethany-jobs/>.

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.