



TRINITY 15

Sunday, September 17, 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 table at the back of the 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: *What is of greatest importance to the Christian? We want to sit at the feet of Jesus and let Him serve us through His Word of forgiveness, comfort, and peace! This is what Mary did, and what Jesus commended as being the “better choice,” when Martha voiced her frustration as she was working hard to serve Jesus (Luke 10:38-42). This has always been the emphasis for God’s people—to let God’s Word be served to them before everything else. The Israelites were to keep His Word “on their hearts” and “teach them diligently to their children” (Deuteronomy 6:4-7). That Word of Jesus being served to us must come first, so that we can then “live by the spirit” — “not becoming weary of doing good” as we, in turn, serve God and our neighbors (Galatians 5:25-6:10).*

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 182, vv. 1, 6** *One Thing Needful*

~**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. 162, #110)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, we beseech You, let Your continual mercy cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve it evermore by Your help and goodness; 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)

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

~Epistle Lesson

(EHV)

Galatians 5:25-6:10 If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another and envying one another. Brothers, if a person is caught in some trespass, you who are spiritual should restore such a person in a spirit of humility, carefully watching yourself so that you are not also tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ. For if someone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Let each person test his own work, and then he will take pride in regard to himself and not his neighbor. For each man will bear his own burden. Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with his teacher. Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. To be sure, whatever a man sows, he will also reap. Indeed, the one who sows for his own sinful flesh will reap destruction from the sinful flesh. But the one who sows for the spirit will reap eternal life from the spirit. Let us not become weary of doing good, because at the appointed time we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the household of faith.

~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 62, vv. 1-3 *O Love Divine, How Sweet Thou Art*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

Luke 10:38-42 As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me." The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her."

~Sermon Theme

THE BETTER PART

1. *What Martha did was something very good.*
2. *What Mary did was better.*

~Offering Hymn 62, v. 4 *O That I Could Forever Sit*

~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 182, vv. 2, 5, 8, 9 *Seekest Thou the One Thing Needful*

Hymn 320 *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed*

Hymn 325 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

~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 182, v. 10 *Henceforth Thou Alone, My Savior*

(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: John Baumann
Pre-Service Music (1st and 2nd): Kijana Barents

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday: 8:30am, 364; 10:45am, 169; Monday: 26
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 20

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: Benjamin Springer

Weekly Financial Update:
Given Last Week: \$11,782.64
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 8/31/23: (\$32,121.29)

*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 17, 2023 — September 24, 2023*

<p align="center">Sunday, September 17</p>	<p align="center">8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>BLC Fall Festival/Homecoming Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service w/Holy Communion Mt. Olive Youth: Theater Physics @ YFAC Adult Pickleball Coed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p align="center">Monday, September 18</p>	<p align="center">10AM 4PM 6:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Veterans' Bible Study 5th & 7th Gr. VB @ Mt. Olive Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board for Stewardship</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, September 19</p>	<p align="center">9AM 1-2PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Ladies' Bible Study "Intro to Hebrew Language" Class Jesus Cares Ministry</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, September 20</p>	<p align="center">8:05AM 9AM 7PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel Service Adult Bible Study Adult Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thurs., September 21</p>	<p align="center">8:30AM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study @ Peace</p>
<p align="center">Friday, September 22</p>	<p align="center">4:30PM</p>	<p>All B & A VB teams vs. Redwood Falls @ Mt. Olive</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, September 23</p>	<p align="center">9AM 9AM</p>	<p>5th & 6th Gr VB @ Mt. Olive A Team Soccer Tournament @ Gault Field, St. Peter</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, September 24</p>	<p align="center">8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 12PM 2PM 6-9PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Mission Support Bake Sale Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service Call Meeting Adult Pickleball Artemis Gaming Coed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School:
Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by the Tenold family.

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.



Sunday School (PreK – 6th Gr.) began this past Sunday between church services with a special piñata-making theme. We are meeting outside at the field next to the church toward the hospital, weather permitting (otherwise in the gym). Parents: if you have not already done so, please use this QR code to register your children.

7th-12th Graders: Join us **today** for Mt. Olive’s Youth & Teen Bible Study in the Youth Room between services, beginning at 9:30am. We are covering topics based on the theme “Holy Habits.” Today’s topic: “Studying the Bible—The Bible is Bread, a Blade, and Bandages.”

Mt. Olive Youth Event – Theater Physics: Today at 1 pm! Parents: please RSVP by emailing Jon at basel.jonathan@gmail.com with the names of your children that will be attending. At 1pm, drop off your children at the YFAC for pizza and games (we will be in one of the classrooms). The Theater Physics event begins at 2pm; plan to pick up your children @ 3:30pm.

Connect Groups are now meeting. Some groups still have space for additional participants. See the Connect Group Display and sign-up sheets on the narthex table for more information.

Interested in gaining a basic understanding of the Hebrew language? Professor Adolph Harstad will be teaching a 6-week series of “Intro to Hebrew” language classes on Tuesdays from 1-2pm, beginning **September 19**, in the Fireside Room. Cost: \$30/student. For more information or to register, contact Todd Gavin [call or text (507) 995-9747].

Voters: please mark your calendars for a call meeting next Sunday, **September 24**, at noon to extend a call for a third pastor.

The Boards of Stewardship and Budget & Finance are kicking off a debt reduction drive called **Year of Jubilee!** Please register for one of four informational meetings, scheduled for **Oct. 2nd (7:30 pm), Oct. 4th (8:00 pm), Oct. 8th (12:00 pm) and Oct. 12th (7:00 pm)**. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. You can also email Ben Tweit (btweit@blc.edu) or Bob Fosburgh (bobfosburgh@gmail.com) to register. Please pray that the Lord blesses this campaign as we seek to reduce our church and school debt!

	<p>Coming Next Sunday, September 24:</p> <p>Mt. Olive's Mission Support Sale</p> <p>Your generosity brings the Gospel to others!</p>
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Artemis Gaming Special Kickoff: September 24! Join us for a special event to play Archery Tag and sign up for Artemis Gaming. Kids ages 12 and up are invited to join a youth social that meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. We meet at the Mt. Olive Youth Room at 6pm and finish around 9pm. Admittance fee is \$3 per kid and comes with two slices of pizza and a beverage. Typically, Artemis kids are dropped off at 6pm. We get a headcount for pizza and immediately start playing board games. Then we have a break to eat and have a devotion with discussion and prayer; we finish the night playing board games until parents pick up around 9pm.



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! Check the *Herald* or the September issue of the *Olive Press* for more details. If you have questions, contact Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com.

Nursery Committee: We would like to update the church nursery to better serve our parents and young families. If you have some suggestions and/or would like to join Karla Reagles on this committee, please contact her at karla.reagles@blc.edu or (608)-385-2694. Please have all suggestions sent in by **October 1**. Thank you!

Mt. Olive is launching an “adopt a college student” program where members take a college student under their wing and do things such as sending encouraging messages, delivering treats, or offering a ride to church. You get to decide what your adoption looks like. If you are interested, there is a signup sheet and a letter with more information on the narthex table. Contact Ashley Faugstad at 507-508-0579 or aafaugstad@alum.blc if you have questions.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Theatre Physics 30: last performance is **today** at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased at blc.edu/boxoffice or by calling 507-344-7374.

Bethany National Auxiliary Day, Monday, **September 25** (see agenda on next page).

Debate Judges Needed: The Bethany Speech and Debate Team will host its first debate tournament on Tuesday afternoon, **September 26**, on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. We need people to assist with the tournament as judges for the debate rounds. You will be paid, or you can volunteer your time. Judge training is available. If you are interested, please contact Jon.Logging@blc.edu or go to www.blc.edu/plum for more information.

Concert Band Fall Performance: Sunday, **October 1**, at 4pm at Trinity Chapel, featuring guest trombonist, Mr. Erik Hermanson.

Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert: Friday, **October 13**, at 7pm at Trinity Chapel.

Job Opportunities: BLC is taking applications for the following positions: Director of Network Systems and Adjunct Faculty – Clinical Mental Health Counseling. For more information, go to <https://blc.edu/campus-life/campus-services/human-resources/bethany-jobs/>.



National Auxiliary Day

Monday, September 25, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Registration	Old Main
10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service <i>Bethany Concert Choir</i> <i>Welcome from Student Senate President</i>	Trinity Chapel
10:45 a.m.	Business Meeting <i>Diane Gullixson, President</i>	Honsey Hall
11:15 a.m.	Bethany Activity Center Tour <i>Nick Neubauer, BAC Director</i> <i>Michael Dunn, Head Coach Track and Cross Country</i>	Bethany Activity Center
Noon	Luncheon <i>Presidents Timothy Hartwig and Glenn Obenberger</i>	Honsey Hall
1:15 p.m.	Fine Arts Program	Trinity Chapel
1:45 p.m.	Clay Target Team Update <i>Kenn Mueller, Head Coach</i>	Trinity Chapel
2:00 p.m.	College Update <i>Bruce Gratz, Vice President of Advancement</i>	Trinity Chapel
2:45 p.m.	Closing Devotion <i>Chaplain Don Moldstad, Director of Campus Spiritual Life</i>	Trinity Chapel
2:45 p.m.	Closing Reception <i>Hosted by Career Development Center</i>	Luther Hall, 2 nd Floor



Study Questions Based on Today's Sermon—Used to encourage and lead discussion in our Connect Groups—Please consider joining one if you haven't done so! (*You are also invited to use these discussion questions as you review today's sermon & service with family and friends—or even if you have a quiet moment to yourself!*)

Luke 10:38-42 “The Better Part”

- 1. What occupied the attention and the activity of the two sisters while Jesus visited their home?**
- 2. What was it that irritated Martha? Can we identify with that feeling?**
- 3. We have a finely tuned sense of what's fair and what's not fair. So, how does Jesus' response to Martha strike us?**
- 4. According to Jesus, which sister chose to do the better thing? What was that “better part?”**
- 5. What lesson does the Holy Spirit intend to teach us with this account from the life and ministry of our Savior?**

Pray: ~That we might see and appreciate the “better part,” making use of the opportunities we have to come and sit at Jesus' feet. ~Pray for God's mercy and that He might work in the face of the terrible flooding in Derna, Libya where tens of thousands have died. ~Pray for our school and faculty—especially as our Phased Growth Committee has been looking at ways to provide for future students and a larger future enrollment. ~Pray for God's guidance in our upcoming Call Meeting for an additional Pastor. ~Pray for one another and for specific needs and request that others might have!

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.

