

## TRINITY 18

Sunday, October 8, 2023; 8:30AM & 10:45AM

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 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:** *The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "trap" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt 22:34-46). The Law requires you to "fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the stranger" (Deut 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor 1:4-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."*



(This morning's liturgy is based on the "Office of Prime." This order of service was first developed and used around 400 AD, as a time of prayer, devotion, and scriptural encouragement during "prime"—the Latin term for "the first hour of the day." Though short and simple, it continues to serve as an excellent way to start our day and week. Found on page 108 in the front of our Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH), it is a fitting order for you to use in any of your personal or family devotions.)

~**Prelude** — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)

~**Hymn 77, vv. 1, 3, 6, 7** *God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven*

~**Versicles and Gloria Patri**

(ELH p. 108)

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — Admitting guilt & receiving forgiveness (ELH p. 108)

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Responsive Psalm**

(Psalm 122, EHV)

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**C: "May those who love you prosper.**

P: May there be peace within your fortifications,

**C: Prosperity within your citadels."**

P: For the sake of my brothers and my friends, now I will say,

**C: "Peace be within you."**

P: Jerusalem is a well-built city that is firmly joined together, a city to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as a testimony to Israel,

**C: To give praise to the name of the Lord.**

P: That is where the thrones for judgment sit, the thrones of the house of David.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you prosper.**

P: For the sake of my brothers and my friends, now I will say,

**C: "Peace be within you."**

P: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

**C: I will seek good for you.**

**Glorify 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: May there be peace within your fortifications,

**C: Prosperity within your citadels."**

P: For the sake of my brothers and my friends, now I will say,

**C: "Peace be within you."**

### ~Old Testament Lesson

(EHV)

**Deuteronomy 10:12-21** So now, Israel, what is the LORD your God asking of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, to keep the commandments of the LORD and his statutes that I am commanding you today for your own good. Indeed, the heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth and everything that is on it—these belong to the LORD your God. Still, the LORD attached himself to your fathers, loved them, and he chose their descendants after them (that's you!) from all peoples, as it is today. So cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature, and do not be stubborn any longer. The LORD your God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords, the great God, the mighty one and the awesome one, who does not show favoritism and does not take a bribe. He carries out justice for the fatherless and widows. He loves the alien who dwells among you and gives him food and clothing. So you are to love the alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt. Fear the LORD your God, serve him, cling to him, and take your oaths in his name. He is your glory. He is your God, who performed for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

### ~Epistle Lesson

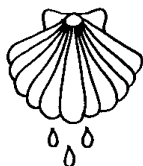
(EHV)

**1 Corinthians 1:4-9** I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, because the testimony about Christ was

established in you. As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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~**The Order of Holy Baptism** (*2<sup>nd</sup> Service Only*)



*(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing “with water through the Word” is intended for all people since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and need God’s grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that “all nations” be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one’s Baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)*

~**Baptism of Claire Marie Roemhildt**

*(ELH p. 133ff)*

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~**Apostles’ Creed** — *Confession of faith*

*(ELH p. 68)*

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

~**Hymn 372, vv. 1, 4-6** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

~**Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

*(EHV)*

**Matthew 22:34-46** When they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees met together. One of them who was an expert in the law asked him a question, trying to trap him. “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” Jesus said to him, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. The

second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "Then how can David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?'" "So if David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### **~Sermon Theme**

*"LOVE Fulfills the Law..."*

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### *First Service: Mt. Olive CDS Choir*

#### **~Sing and Make Music**

(Karen Maio)

*1. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.*

*Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!*

*For his love is great; it's higher than the heavens,*

*And his faithfulness it reaches to the skies!*

*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord our God!*

*Always giving thanks to him for ev'ry thing in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

*2. For the Lord is light, and he is our salvation.*

*He's the stronghold of our lives; whom shall we fear?*

*Though our enemies may gather all around us,*

*We can stand secure for God is always near.*

*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord our God!*

*Always giving thanks to him for ev'ry thing in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

*3. For the Lord has worked salvation for all people.*

*By his grace, through faith in Jesus Christ we're saved!*

*May our hearts be full of joy and deep thanksgiving,*

*And our voices lifted high and songs of praise.*

*Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord our God!*

*Always giving thanks to him for ev'ry thing in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

**~By Faith I Know Full Well**

(Silas Born)

*Mt. Olive CDS Choir, vv. 1-3*

*1. By faith, I know full well  
The Spirit's work was key  
Through water and His Word  
Creating faith in me.*

*Refrain: What joy is mine!  
Freedom divine!  
Heav'n's open now you see!  
My Father welcomes me.  
My Father welcomes me.*

*2. By faith, I know full well  
The Father's love for me  
By sending His own Son  
To die on Calvary.  
Refrain...*

*3. By faith, I know full well  
My Savior's love for me:  
Who gave His perfect life  
To clothe and set me free.  
Refrain...*

**Congregation, vv. 4, 5**

**4. By faith, I now confess  
The sins that I have done  
Assured that Jesus Christ  
Has full forgiveness won.**

**Refrain: What joy is mine!  
Freedom divine!  
Heav'n's open now you see!  
My Father welcomes me.  
My Father welcomes me.**

**5. By faith, I know full well  
To follow faithfully  
As Jesus guides my steps  
Into eternity.  
Refrain...**

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*Second Service*

**~Offering Hymn 372, vv. 2, 3, 7 O Grant That Nothing In My Soul**

**~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).*

## ~Prayers & Special Petitions

### ~Responsory

(ELH p.108)

P: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

**C: O Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.**

P: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

**C: And deliver us for Your name's sake.**

### ~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 85; 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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### ~Collect — *Prayer for the start of a day*

(ELH p. 108)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in Your holy light all my life and even forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### ~Canticle — *"Little Song" of scriptural encouragement*

(ELH p. 108; Mt 5:3-12)

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**C: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**~Closing Versicle & Blessing**

(ELH p. 108)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us bless the Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

**C: Amen.**

**~Hymn 27, vv. 1, 7 O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

**~Announcements**

**~Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

(ELH p. 40)

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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

*Mt. Olive CDS Choir Director: Donna Fosburgh / Accompanist: Anita Krienke*

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

**Sunday: 8:30am, 266/199; 10:45am, 133/113; Monday: 32/27**

**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 12**

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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service—Jim & Connie Gullixson; Craig & Lisa Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Joe & Connie Meyer

**Offering Counters:** Ron Younge, Jeff Younge

**Altar Guild:** Elli Fisher, Joni Bode

**Media Center:** David Norris

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**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Given Last Week:** \$22,912.84

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 8/31/23:** (\$32,121.29)

*Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with 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:**

Services are available on cable channels 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) and 181 (Charter) on Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 11:30am.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *October 8, 2023 — October 15, 2023***

<b>Sunday,</b> October 8	8:30AM	Divine Service w/CDS Choir
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	12PM	Jubilee Informational Meeting
	12PM	Board of Deacons
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> October 9	4:30PM	B & A VB vs. Genesis Academy
	5:30PM	Board of Parish Ed & Youth
	6:30PM	Divine Service
	6:30PM	Church Council
<b>Tuesday,</b> October 10	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	1-2PM	"Intro to Hebrew Language" Class
	4:30PM	A Team Soccer vs. PLS @ Caswell North
<b>Wednesday,</b> October 11	8:05AM	CDS Chapel Service <b>No</b> Adult Bible Study
	7PM	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday,</b> October 12	8:30AM	M.O.M.s Bible Study @ Peace
	4PM	6th & 8th Gr. VB Teams @ Immanuel, Mankato
	7PM	Jubilee Informational Meeting
<b>Fri., Oct. 13</b>		
<b>Saturday,</b> October 14		5th Gr. VB Tournament @ Maple River HS
		6th Gr. VB Tournament @ Madelia
		A VB Teams @ MVL VB Tournament
<b>Sunday,</b> October 15	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

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

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal.

**Baptized today at 2<sup>nd</sup> service:** Claire Marie Roemhildt, infant daughter of David & Leah Roemhildt, was born Monday, October 2. Her sponsors are Sarah Becker and Joseph Roemhildt. May God bless Claire and her family!

**At the recent voters' meeting,** a call was extended to the Rev. Andrew Soule to serve as a pastor at Mt. Olive. Please pray for Rev. Soule and his family as he considers his current call to Our Savior's Lutheran and Rock Dell Lutheran in Belview, MN, and the call to Mt. Olive.

**Mt. Olive School gives thanks to God** for another very successful fundraiser! Thank you to everyone that played a part in the 2023 Charger Challenge! We not only met our goal of raising \$43,000 for our school, but exceeded it! Late donations continue to trickle in, totaling over \$58,000! AMAZING! To God be the Glory!

**7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Join us **today** for Mt. Olive's Youth & Teen Bible Study in the Youth Room at 9:30am for the first topic of a series on spiritual warfare entitled *Angels & Demons*.

**The Boards of Stewardship and Budget & Finance** are conducting a debt reduction drive called *Year of Jubilee*! Two more informational meetings are scheduled for **today** at 12pm and **October 12** at 7pm. Sign-up sheets are on the narthex table. You can also email Ben Tweit (btweit@blc.edu) or Bob Fosburgh (bobfosburgh@gmail.com) to register.

**Mark your calendar** for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Rally on Saturday, **October 28**, at Our Savior's Lutheran in Princeton. Please sign up on the sheet on the narthex table by **October 15**.

**Art After Dark,** a miniseries of lectures on art by Bethany Professor Emeritus and Artist Bill Bukowski, will be held at Mt. Olive from 8-9pm on **October 19, October 26, and November 2**. Check the October *Olive Press* for more details.

**Join us for Mt. Olive's Fall Bonfire** on Saturday, **October 21**, in the church parking lot from 6-9pm. Hot dogs, chips, water, s'mores, and hot chocolate will be provided. Bring your own lawn chairs.

**Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Fall Play**, *Larceny and Old Lace*, will be running at the State Street Theater in New Ulm on Friday, **October 27**, and Thursday, **October 28**, at 7pm; and Sunday, **October 29**, at 2pm. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Volunteers are needed** to assist with setting up the Kiwanis Holiday Lights on Saturday, **October 28**, from 1-4pm. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table for the setup and Mt. Olive's *Night in the Park* on December 14. Contact Matthew Holt at mholt@blc.edu with questions.

**ELS Giving Counselor Paul Manning** will be relocating to Mankato in November. He is looking for a room to rent (preferably close to the Synod offices), as his family will not be moving immediately. He would also consider house-sitting. Paul can be reached at (503) 949-5324 or paulbmanning@yahoo.com. Thank you.

**New 2 You** is hiring an assistant manager. Check the October edition of the *Olive Press* for more details.

### **Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:**

**Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert:** Friday, **October 13**, at 7pm in Trinity Chapel. The performance is free and open to the public.

**Jazz Outdoor Concerts:** Sunday, **October 15** and Monday, **October 16**, at 5pm on the Campus Green. The concerts will be moved to the Younge Gym in the event of inclement weather. The performances are free and open to the public.

**Footnotes Trauma Foundation** is hosting *An Evening of Magic and Inspiration* featuring professional magician Daniel Jaspersen and inspirational speakers on Friday, **October 20**, at the YFAC. The Foundation's mission is to raise funds for mental therapy scholarships for individuals affected by sexual abuse or military-related experiences. A meal will be served beginning at 5:30pm, with the show at 6pm. A poster with additional details and registration information is on the narthex bulletin board.

**The Teigen Reformation Lectures:** Thursday, **October 26**, and Friday, **October 27**, from 10:30am – 3pm at the YFAC. The October *Olive Press* has more information; registration is available online at [blc.edu/reformation-lectures](http://blc.edu/reformation-lectures).

**Bethany Job Opportunities:** BLC is taking applications for a Director of Network Systems and an adjunct faculty position – Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Learn more about these positions at <https://blc.edu/campus-life/campus-services/human-resources/bethany-jobs/> or contact Josh Pederson, Director of Human Resources, at [Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu](mailto:Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu).



**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!

**Matthew 22:34-46 “LOVE Fulfills the Law”**

- 1. Review the 10 Commandments (see the Small Catechism or Exodus 20). Jesus summarizes all of them with a single word. What is that word?**
- 2. Our culture/world/society seems to have a very complicated and convoluted view of Love. Define “Love” in the way it is being used by Jesus in our text.**
- 3. What do you think Jesus was meaning by saying that we should Love God with all our “Heart”? -With all our “Soul”? -With all our “Mind”?**
- 4. When we recognize that we haven't kept God's Law, what would Jesus then have us ask?**
- 5. Jesus' question emphasizes the fact that the Messiah was going to be both true God and true Man (i.e. He would have “Two Natures”). Why is it good for us that Jesus was true God? Why is it good for us that Jesus was true Man?**

*Pray: ~That we might always continue to rejoice in knowing who the Christ is—and that by knowing this, our hearts be moved to love God & our neighbors. ~Pray for our school at Mt. Olive. ~Pray for Pr. Andrew Soule & his family as he considers the call to serve at Mt. Olive. ~Pray for our “Year of Jubilee” program to reduce church debt. ~Pray for those who are sick. ~Take requests for continued prayers from others.*

**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.