



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY/ NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Sunday, November 5, 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 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:** *The church has observed the Feast of All Saints since the mid 300s AD. On this specially appointed day, the church recalls the memory of all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. Though we recall the saints who have departed from the troubles of this life--a life of difficulty and hardship described by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12)--it is not a day of sorrow or sadness, but rather a day of joy and celebration. We celebrate the fact that those who have departed in the faith are living and even now communing with us around the throne of the Lamb. Though we may mourn and miss those who have departed, we rejoice in knowing that they are enjoying the feast of Heaven (Is 25:6-9) and that we will join them there; for we, too, are saints because of the salvation shared with us through the work of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 7:10).*



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)*

~**Hymn 554, vv. 1-4 For All the Saints**

~**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** — *“Opening Verses”*

(ELH p. 62; Rev 7:9-10)

P: A great multitude which no one could number

**C: Stood before the throne and before the Lamb.**

P: Clothed with white robes,

**C: With palm branches in their hands.**

P: Crying out in a loud voice, saying:

**C: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

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

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

**“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

~**The Kyrie Eleison**— *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 63, 1; Mk 10:47)

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

~**The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**— *“Glory to God in the Highest”* (ELH p. 64-66; Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 165, #138)

P: Let us pray: O almighty and everlasting God, through Your only-begotten and beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You will sanctify all Your elect and beloved: Give us grace to follow their faith, hope, and love, that we together with all Your saints may obtain eternal life; through Your 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*

### ~Epistle Lesson

*(EHV)*

**Revelations 7:9-12** After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb. All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

### ~Alleluia — “God Be Praised”

*(ELH, p. 67)*

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

### ~Holy Gospel Lesson

*(EHV) (ELH p. 68)*

P: The Holy Gospel for this All Saints' Sunday is written in the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

**C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!**

**Matthew 5:1-12** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers because they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**



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### ~Reception of New Members (1<sup>st</sup> Service)

*(At this time, we ask our new members to come forward and gather around the altar area. This special rite serves to receive Christians as new members of our congregation either by transfer or profession of faith. We receive these new members as our brothers and sisters in Christ and pledge to offer our prayers and any other spiritual and physical assistance that we can provide for them. If you are interested in learning more about church membership and what it means to be a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, please speak with our Pastors. We would love to talk with you more about that!)*

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### ~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 553, vv. 1, 2 *Behold A Host, Arrayed in White*

### ~Sermon Text

*(EHV)*

**1 Corinthians 1:2-9** To the church of God in Corinth—those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, who are called as saints—along with all in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours: Grace to you and

peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! 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.

### ~Apology to the Augsburg Confession

**Article XXI:4-6** Our Confession approves honoring the saints in three ways. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church. These gifts, since they are the greatest, should be amplified. The saints themselves, who have faithfully used these gifts, should be praised just as Christ praises faithful businessmen (Matthew 25:21,23). The second service is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter's denial forgiven, we also are encouraged to believe all the more that grace truly superabounds over sin (Romans 5:20). The third honor is the imitation, first of faith, then of the other virtues. Everyone should imitate the saints according to his calling.

### ~Sermon Theme

*"Who Are the Saints? And How Do We Rightly Honor Them?"*

~**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).*

### ~Prayers & Special Petitions

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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 dates 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:** *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

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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. 73-75)*

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; who in the multitude of Your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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 310, vv. 1, 3-6 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing***

**Hymn 554, vv. 5-8 *And When the Fight is Fierce, the Warfare Long***

**Hymn 590 *O Happy Day***

**~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. 83, II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

**C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~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 553, v. 3 *Then Hail! Ye Mighty Legions*

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

(See “Prayers for Worship”  
—ELH p. 40)



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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson /2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 317; 10:45am, 149; Monday: 32**  
**Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 19**

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

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service—Mark & Michelle Graham, Lance & Jennifer Schwartz

2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Mark & Sharon Madson

**Offering Counters:** Joe Meyer, Seth Ferkenstad

**Altar Guild:** Sherri Bukowski, Carol Petersen

**Media Center:** Dave Norris

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**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Given Last Week (excluding Year of Jubilee): \$14,120.57**

**Year of Jubilee Debt Reduction Given Last Week: \$11,000.00**

**Year of Jubilee Deb Reduction Total as of 11/2/23: \$52,483.00**

**Fiscal YTD Actual Expenses vs. Budget Surplus (Deficit) as of 9/30/23:**  
**(\$81,102.65)**

*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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**YEAR OF JUBILEE! - GIFT MATCHING OPPORTUNITY:** An anonymous donor has graciously stepped forward with a proposal to match up to \$30,000 in total "Year of Jubilee!" donations and pledges received **between November 5 and 20**. This is a wonderful opportunity to potentially double the impact of your donation/pledge, which will be used to reduce Mt. Olive's debt. Pledge forms may be picked up and dropped off in the office. Please be sure to earmark donations for the "Year of Jubilee!" to ensure that your gift is properly applied to the debt reduction program. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated!

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *November 5, 2023 — November 12, 2023***

<p align="center"><b>Sunday,</b> November 5 <b>(Daylight Savings Time Ends)</b></p>	8:30AM	<b>All Saints' Day &amp; New Member Welcome</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion; New Member Recognition
	9:40AM	<b>New Member Reception</b> /BIC/Sunday School
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
<p align="center"><b>Monday,</b> November 6</p>	10AM	Veterans Bible Study
	6:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Board of Education
	7PM	Board of Deacons
<p align="center"><b>Tuesday,</b> November 7</p>	9AM	<b>Election Day</b> Ladies' Bible Study
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
<p align="center"><b>Wednesday,</b> November 8</p>	8:05AM	CDS Chapel Service
	9AM	Adult Bible Study; Topic: "We Are Fearfully & Wonderfully Made"
	7PM	Adult Choir
<b>Thurs.,</b> November 9	8:30AM	MOM's Bible Study @ Peace
<b>Fri.,</b> November 10		
<b>Sat.,</b> November 11		<b>Veterans Day</b>
<p align="center"><b>Sunday,</b> November 12</p>	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Bible Study/BIC/Sunday School
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	6-9PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

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

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God's glory by the Tenold family.

**On this All Saints' Sunday**, we remember our departed Mt. Olive members and friends (November 2022 to October 2023): Rev. John Moldstad, Sr., Duane Garbers, Allan Mueller and Joanne Wiemers.

**'Tis the Season:** Order your Christmas wreaths from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School **today**; order deadline is Sunday, **November 12**.

**Attend a Pro-Life Presentation**, sponsored by the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL), on Thursday, **November 9**, at 7pm at the Blue Earth County Historical Society in Mankato. Check the poster in the narthex for more details.

**On November 11**, we recognize and honor those who served in the United States military branches. **The Lutheran Military Support Group** supports WELS and ELS members of the military during active duty and after discharge; free-will donations to this group can be placed in the ammunition box on the narthex table. Thank you!

**The Bethany Women's Auxiliary** will meet Monday, **November 13**, at 7pm in Meyer Hall. Professor Tom Rank will be presenting on the topic "Studying our Faith at Bethany: What Does This Mean?"

**The Annual Altar Guild Meeting** is Thursday, **November 16**, at 7pm in the Fireside Room.

**Coaches are needed** for the Mt. Olive CDS's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys and 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade Girls basketball teams. Contact Mr. Zibrowski (mrz@mtolivelutheran.org) for details.

**Mt. Olive members donated** 20 pounds of food to the ECHO Food Shelf during the month of September.

**Yarn Drive:** Footnotes Trauma Foundation is collecting yarn to make pocket fidgets for trauma survivors. Drop off your donations at the church office. Thank you!

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

**Performances of the Fall Play "Antigone"** are **November 10, 11, 17, and 18** at 7:30pm, and **November 12** at 2pm, in the Sigurd Lee Theater.

**High School Honor Band Concert:** **November 11**, at 5:30pm in Trinity Chapel.

**Senior Recital:** by Madeline Gutzke on **November 16**, at 7pm in Trinity Chapel.

**Bethany Lutheran is taking applications** for an Office Assistant--Advancement and a Patron Services Coordinator. Please check the BLC website for details.

### **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.