



SEPTUAGESIMA

Sunday, February 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 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 first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them. (Mt 20:1-16) They charged him with being unfair. But in fact he was not being unfair but generous. The Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve, but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first, those who rely on their own merits, will be last. But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. This is also reflected in the call of Jeremiah the Prophet. Though lowly and fearful at first, God was graciously at work through this young man (Jer. 1:4-10). God's grace flows to us through Christ our Rock. (1 Cor 9:24-10:5) He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin. Because of Him, we can persevere through this life, knowing that Heaven will belong to us.*

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 (forgiveness). 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 226, vv. 1-4** *By Grace I’m Saved*

~**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.

~General 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.

~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. 151, #32)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, we beseech You favorably to hear the prayers of Your people, that we who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Your gracious goodness, for the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, 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)

Jeremiah 1:4-10 The word of the LORD came to me. Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations. But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!" The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD." Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me: There! I have now placed my words in your mouth. Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

~Epistle Lesson

(EHV)

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 Do you not know that when runners compete in the stadium, they all run, but only one receives the prize? Run like that—to win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable victor's wreath, but we do it for an imperishable one. That is why there is nothing aimless about the way I run. There is no pummeling of the air in the way I box. Instead I hit my body hard and make it my slave so that, after preaching to others, I myself will not be rejected. For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

~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 227, vv. 1, 6 *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

(EHV)

Matthew 20:1-16 “Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’ “They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ “He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’ “When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: ‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’ “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

~Sermon Theme

“It’s NOT Fair – It’s Grace!”

~Offering Hymn 227, vv. 7, 8 *Not Doubting This, I Trust in Thee*

~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

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38-40.

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed 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 also 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.*

~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**

Hymn 227, vv. 9-11 *The Law Reveals the Guilt of Sin*

Hymn 226, vv. 5-9 *By Grace, This Ground of Faith is Certain*

Hymn 227, vv. 12-14 *Though It May Seem He Hears Thee Not*

Hymn 324, vv. 5-7, 12-14 *Eat, Drink, and in Your Heart Be Glad*

~**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 226, v. 10 *By Grace, Sin, Death, and Satan Harken!*

~Closing Prayer (ELH p. 59)

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 Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

At the January 8 voters' meeting, a call was extended to the Rev. Anthony Pittenger to serve as a pastor at Mt. Olive. Please keep Pastor Pittenger and his family in your prayers as he considers his call to Mt. Olive and his current call to Bethany Lutheran in Port Orchard, WA. A copy of Pastor Pittenger's formal acknowledgement of his call is posted on narthex bulletin board.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 8:30am, 203; 10:45am, 161; Monday: 24
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 30

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:

Greeters: 1st Service—Nate & Heidi Graham, Steve & Lois Jaeger

2nd Service—Dan & Joanne Maas, Lois Johnson

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

Media Center: Dave Norris

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$31,587.21

Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$9,755.00

LOC total as of 1/26/23: \$10,698.66 (\$9,301.34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 12/31/22: \$4,836.80

2 Corinthians 9:6-7(EHV): This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. 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.

Baptized on Friday, January 27 Hadley Theresa Miller, infant daughter of Andrew & Krystal Miller, was born on December 28, 2022. Her sponsors are Matt & Ashley Robinson. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed through this Sacrament.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 5, 2023 — February 12, 2023

<p align="center">Sunday, February 5</p>	<p align="center">8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 2PM 2PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Divine Worship w/Holy Communion BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study Divine Worship w/Holy Communion MVL Delegates' Meeting Adult Pickleball Coed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p align="center">Monday, February 6</p>	<p align="center">10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Veteran's Bible Study Divine Worship Board of Education Meeting Board of Deacons Meeting</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, February 7</p>	<p align="center">9AM 1-2:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Ladies' Bible Study MOM's Bible Study @ Mt. Olive Jesus Cares Ministry</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, February 8</p>	<p align="center">8:10AM 9AM 7PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel Adult Bible Study Adult Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, February 9</p>	<p align="center">8:30-10AM 8-9PM</p>	<p>MOM's Bible Study @ Peace Art After Dark</p>
<p align="center">Friday, February 10</p>	<p align="center">1-2PM</p>	<p>Intro to Hebrew Class</p>
<p align="center">Saturday, February 11</p>	<p align="center">10AM</p>	<p>BLC Auxiliary @ Silber Hall, YFAC</p>
<p align="center">Sunday, February 12</p>	<p align="center">8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 2PM 6-9PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Band Playing (<i>pre-service music—both services</i>), CDS Choir Singing (<i>8:30AM Service only</i>) & Band Bake Sale (<i>between Services</i>) Divine Worship BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study Divine Worship Encourage One Another - Support Group Adult Pickleball Artemis Gaming Coed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Please stay after the first service this morning for treats in celebration of Marv Meyer's birthday. Happy birthday and God's blessings Marv!

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for two positions: a Director of Finance & Business Affairs and an Assistant/Associate Professor: Music - Choral Director. The BLC website has more information regarding these positions. If you have questions, contact Josh Pederson, Director of Human Resources, at 507-344-7840 or at Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu.



All are invited to join in the project Bracelets for Life, supporting local pregnancy center Options for Women. Bracelets are available for purchase at the table in the narthex, for a suggested donation of \$5 each. For more information, please contact Bethany Hanson at bhanson@blc.edu.

Encourage
One Another

SUPPORT GROUP
@ MT. OLIVE

Restarting:

Sunday, Feb. 12 | 1-2pm

Gather with your fellow Christians to share with them, uplift them, and pray for them.

For ANYONE needing encouragement and support (i.e. those who suffer from depression, anxiety, grief, & other struggles).

"Therefore **encourage one another** and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11





Ash Wednesday Service

22 FEBRUARY, 2023

SERVICE OF ASHES: 6:15PM

ASH WEDNESDAY DIVINE SERVICE

W/HOLY COMMUNION: 6:30PM

*(Those who desire to have Ashes placed on their foreheads
or on the back of the hand are invited to attend the
Service of Ashes at 6:15pm in our Sanctuary. Our regular
Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:30pm.)*



Mount 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.