

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 14, 2021, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Adam Pavelchik

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 (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack and the Welcome table). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week: *From Martin Luther's sermon on the Baptism of Christ, 1534: "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are indeed in and with this water of Baptism, as they were there on the banks of the Jordan when Christ stood in the water, the Holy Spirit hovered over it, and God the Father spoke. This is why Baptism is a water that takes away sin, death, and every evil and helps us to enter heaven and eternal life....Since He is in this water, this must be the real aqua vitae, the "water of life," which drives away death and hell and makes one eternally alive."*



(Today we follow the order of worship known as “Matins.” “Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word.)

~**Prelude** — Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer

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

~**Opening Hymn 240 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
O how oft Thine eyes, offended,
Gaze upon the sinner’s fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
Thou didst bear the pain of all.

2. Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding,
See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner’s stormy breast.

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning
To Thy cross of agony,
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

~**Confession of Sin** — Admitting our guilt & receiving God’s forgiveness

(ELH p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

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.

~**Versicles** — *Opening sentences*

(ELH p. 109ff; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

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

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

~**Psalmody**

P: Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.

C: For You are my rock and my fortress.

P: Therefore, for Your name's sake,

C: lead me and guide me.

P: In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed;

C: deliver me in Your righteousness.

P: Into Your hand I commit my spirit;

C: You have redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

P: Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

C: my eye wastes away with grief.

P: Make Your face shine upon Your servant;

C: save me for Your mercies' sake.

All: 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.

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight.

I am placing my Spirit on him.

He will announce a just verdict for the nations.

He will not cry out.

He will not raise his voice.

He will not make his voice heard in the street.

A bent reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.

He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

He will not burn out, and he will not be broken
until he establishes justice on the earth.

The coastlands will wait for his law.

This is what the true God says,

the Lord who creates the heavens and stretches them out,

who spreads out the earth

and everything that it produces,

who gives breath to the people on it

and life to those who walk on it.

I am the Lord.

I have called you in righteousness.

I will hold on to your hand,

and I will guard you.

I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,

to be a light for the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,

to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,

and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

I am the Lord; that is my name.

I will not give my glory to another,

nor my praise to idols.

Look, the former things have taken place,

and I am declaring new things.

I am making them known to you before they spring forth.

~Duet “Bless the Lord, My Soul”

(JS Bach)

*Bless the Lord, My Soul Bless His Holy Name
All within bless and praise His name forevermore.
He forgives all wrong; saving health bestows.
He redeems my life from death, His love is ever sure.
O praise the Lord. He brings hope,
He brings justice; He brings hope to all.
The Lord brings hope. The cry of the oppressed He hears.
His power and love is ever sure.
Bless the Lord forever. All within me bless His name.
As the heav’ns are high, are high above the earth,
So His love is ever sure.
Bless His holy name.*

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22 because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

~Hymn 246, vv. 1-4 God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

*1. God’s own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!*

*2. Sin’s disturb my soul no longer;
I am baptized into Christ.
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?*

(Hymn continues on next page)

~Hymn 246, vv. 1-4 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

*3. Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ.
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've travelled,
All your might has come unravelled,
And, against your tyranny,
God my Lord unites with me!*

*4. Death, you cannot end my gladness;
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
To inherit Paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon text

Mark 1:9-11 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

~Sermon Theme

"The Father Loves Us!"

- 1. We can say that, because at His baptism, Jesus began His work of paying for our sins.*
- 2. We can say that, because at His baptism, the Heavenly Father declared His acceptance of Jesus' work on our behalf.*

~Hymn 243 *The Power of Sin No Longer*

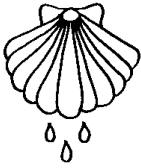
*1. The pow'r of sin no longer
Within my heart shall reign;
Faith must grow ever stronger
And fleshly lust be slain;
For when I was baptized,
The bonds of sin were severed,
And I by grace delivered
To live for Jesus Christ.*

*2. By faith I claim the merit
Of my baptismal grace,
And with my heart and spirit
My Savior's cross embrace.
How great would be my blame
Should I abide in evil
And not renounce the devil
In Christ's almighty name!*

*3. It would bestow no treasure
On me that Christ arose,
If I will not with pleasure
The pow'r of death oppose.
Each day I will embrace
The Savior who is risen
And has from error's prison
Redeemed me by His grace.*

*4. Lord Jesus, help me ever
To drown my nature, so
That it shall not deliver
Me to eternal woe;
But that I daily die
To sin and all offenses,
And by the blood that cleanses
Attain my home on high.*

Affirmation of Holy Baptism (2nd Service)



(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 are in need of 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)

~Affirmation of Baptism for Ezra Richard Langhorst

(Special Order from Lutheran Worship Agenda—pp.105-109)

~Apostles’ Creed — *Confession of faith*

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.

~Kyrie — “*Lord, Have Mercy*”

(ELH p. 116)

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

~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 117; 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.

~Prayers & Special Petitions

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

(ELH p. 118; p. 152, #38)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son, and with Your voice directed us to Him who has borne our sins. That we might receive grace and the remission of sins: Keep us, we beseech You, in the true faith; and inasmuch as we have been baptized in accordance with Your command, and the example of Your dear Son, we pray You to strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit, and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 119)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~**Closing Hymn 246, v. 5** *There Is Nothing Worth Comparing*

*5. There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring;
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of Paradise!*

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

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

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: 1st Service: Cassie Johnson
Organist: 2nd Service: Mark DeGarmeaux
Duet: Greta Bloedel & Carl Bloedel
Accompanist: Joni Bode*

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 100/75; 10:45am, 125/75

Live Online Viewing: 77

Monday: 22/16

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

**Greeters: 1st Service: Don & Kristen Lehne and
Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad**

2nd Service: Dan & Joanne Maas

Offering Counters: Andy Overn, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Elli Fisher, Jane Zibrowski

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$12,848.01 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Surplus (as of 1/31/21): \$38,136.89

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

***TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.***

*To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "**DONATE
ONLINE**".*

*Or **TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate. Or Mail your offering to
the church office.***

WEEK AT A GLANCE *February 14, 2021– February 21, 2021*

Sunday, February 14	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth
	10:45AM	Divine Service
Mon, Feb. 15	6:30PM	Divine Service
	7PM	Board of Stewardship
Tues, Feb. 16	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wed, Feb. 17	8:05AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Bible Study
	4PM	Confirmation Classes
	6PM	Ash Wednesday Divine Service with HC
Thurs., Feb. 18	4-9PM	Family Ski Night @ Mount Kato
Fri., Feb. 19		NO SCHOOL
	12-5PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sat, Feb. 20		
Sunday, February 21	8:30AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	9:40AM	SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth
	10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Affirmation of Baptism Today During 2nd Service: Ezra Richard Langhorst, infant son of Martin & Keri Langhorst, was born on September 8, 2020 and baptized on September 13, 2020 by Martin Langhorst. His sponsors are Ryan & Lydia Walter and Arthur & Constance Langhorst. May he ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

USHERS NEEDED: The COVID-19 Pandemic has upended regular usher rotation for various reasons. We're looking for three volunteers to take on ushering on a monthly basis. If you are willing, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Narthex or get in contact with Matthias Leyrer at 414-241-1097 or mjleyrer@gmail.com.

Join Us for Mt. Olive's Family Ski Night on Thursday, February 18th from 4-9pm. All ages welcome. You must sign up and pay in advance. Sign-up sheet and waiver forms are in the Church Office. \$10 for skiing & \$10 for ski/rental & optional \$4 helmet rental.

Blood Drive Mount Olive hosts a blood drive on **Friday, February 19 from 12:00-5:00 PM**. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO. 1 pint can save 3 lives!

The Mt. Olive Member Veterans' bulletin board is being redone. If anyone has a veteran that they would like included, **PLEASE** send the following information to church@mtolivelutheran.org by **Feb. 14th**. Thank you.

- Full name, Service branch, Dates of service

Youth SLEDDING @ Spring Lake Park Sunday, February 28. Meet at Mt. Olive at 3pm, dinner provided, back to Mt. Olive by 6pm. Dress Warmly, Bring your favorite sled/tube/toboggan/lunch tray!

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Pork Chop Meal The MVL Booster Club pork chop meal is happening Sunday, February 28, 10:30am-1:00pm! Reservations/preorders are required. Freewill donations at the event are welcome and encouraged. Visit the MVL homepage (mvl.org) for links to register for in-cafeteria dining OR takeout.

MVL Prom Pizza Fundraiser The MVL Prom Committee is still making plans to hold prom this spring. You can help in that planning by eating pizza! Orders for Swany's 12-inch pizzas can be made now through March 2. Pickup will be on Sunday, March 14 from 1-4pm; other arrangements can be made if needed. The order form is available on the mvl.org homepage - just download, fill out, and return to the MVL office along with your payment of cash or a check made payable to Swany's Pub.

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open MVLHS seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Bethany Lutheran College

Open Positions: BLC is currently taking applications for five different positions:
Assistant/Associate Professor- Business Administration
Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Computer Systems Specialist- IT
Dean of Students
Office and Enrollment Coordinator- Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program
More information on these jobs can be found at www.blc.edu/jobs.

Midweek Lenten Services:
February 17 - March 24, 2021; 6 PM
"The Road to Redemption"



February 17: Ash Wednesday — Pr. Luke Ulrich

"Lamb to Lamb" Exodus 12 — Upper Room

February 24: Midweek Lent 2 — Pr. Micah Plocher

"Garden to Garden" Genesis 3 — Eden/Gethsemane

March 3: Midweek Lent 3 — Pr. Keith Siverly (St. Mark's)

"Silence to Silence" Isaiah 42:1-4 — The Trial

March 10: Midweek Lent 4 — Pr. Andrew Schmidt (St. Paul's)

"King to King" Deuteronomy 17:18-20 — Before Pilate

March 17: Midweek Lent 5 — Pr. Matthew Moldstad (Peace)

"Pole to Pole" Numbers 21:4-8 — Bronze Serpent/Crucifixion

March 24: Midweek Lent 6 — Pr. John Petersen

"Seal to Seal" Daniel 6:16-23 — Daniel & Lions Den/Burial



2021-2022
Kindergarten Roundup

Mount Olive Lutheran
Church & School
1123 Marsh St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Tuesday, March 2nd
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.





“Moms supporting Moms in raising godly children”

Moms On a Mission Bible study (MOMS) Spring Session Starting Soon! Choose one of three opportunities to study God’s Word with fellow moms in Christ. The Peace/Mt. Olive MOMs group is starting back up the week of February 15th. **All participants will need a copy of the book, JOY, a Study of Philippians, by Deb Burma.** Please see the table below to identify which study works best for you! If you have questions, contact the facilitator listed for the session you plan to attend. New moms welcome any time! Masks are required at these studies, per Covid guidelines.

	Tuesday Evening M.O.M.s	Thursday Morning M.O.M.s	Thursday Afternoon M.O.M.s
When:	February 16-April 27 7-8:30pm, NO CHILDCARE	February 18-April 29 8:30-10:00am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10) CHILDCARE PROVIDED	February 18-April 29 1-2:30pm, NO CHILDCARE
Where:	Thalia Londgren’s house	Peace Lutheran Church	Mt. Olive Social Hall
Study:	<u>Joy, a Study of Philippians</u>	<u>Joy, a Study of Philippians</u>	<u>Joy, a Study of Philippians</u>
Facilitator:	Rachel Ulrich, renderle@gmail.com &Thalia Londgren, thalia.pollard@blc.edu	Heidi Graham, heidijennifergraham@gmail.com	Kristen Lukasek, mattlukasek@yahoo.com

MOMs Bible Study Child Care

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN A LITTLE EXTRA CASH?

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study.

When: Thursday Mornings from 8:00-10am, February 18- April 29th

Where: Peace Lutheran Church

Responsibilities: Read bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack.

This is a paid position. Transportation can be arranged from Mt Olive if needed

*Must pass State of MN background check

Contact: Emily Peters emmykf@hotmail.com

MT. OLIVE'S

The Thriving Family

ENRICHMENT
SERIES

- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**
6:30PM - 8PM
- CHILD CARE PROVIDED
THROUGH AFTER SCHOOL
CARE STAFF
- MEETING IN CHURCH
SANCTUARY WITH
ADEQUATE SPACING
- WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED &
ARCHIVED ONLINE
- REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

*"Self-Care for
Parents-
Strategies for
Thriving through
COVID-19"*



*Featured
Speaker:
Dr. Jenna
Londgren*

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