



## LENT 1

Sunday, February 21, 2021, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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 in the narthex). 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:** *In the Garden man exalts himself to be a god in place of God. (Gen 3:1-21) He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness God humbles Himself to become man in place of man. (Mt 4:1-11) He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath Satan. (1 Samuel 17:40-51) Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14-16).*

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

~Hymn 251, vv. 1, 2 ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

*1. A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
Our help is He in all our need,  
Our stay whate'er doth happen;  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
Strong mail of craft and pow'r  
He weareth in this hour;  
On earth is not his equal.*

*2. Stood we alone in our own might,  
Our striving would be losing;  
For us the one true Man doth fight,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Who is this chosen One?  
'Tis Jesus Christ, the Son,  
The Lord of hosts, 'tis He  
Who wins the victory  
In ev'ry field of battle.*

~**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. 60-62, 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** — *“Entrance Verse”*

*(ELH p. 143; Ps 91)*

P: He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him. I will deliver him and honor him.

**C: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my Salvation.**

P: He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High

**C: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

**~Gloria Patri** — *“Glory to the Father”*

*(ELH p. 62)*

**C: ♪ 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.**

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

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

**C: ♪ Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

**~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. 152 #41)*

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary does continually afflict us, and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We beseech You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus, Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace, and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same, 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.**

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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 applied to our lives today.)*

### ~Old Testament Lesson

**Genesis 3:1-7** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

### ~Lenten Verse

*(ELH p. 67)*

**C: ♪ Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev'n the death of the Cross.**

### ~Epistle Lesson

**2 Corinthians 6:1-10** As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says:

At a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.

Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation!

We are giving no one a reason to stumble in any way, so that our ministry will not be blamed. Rather, in every way we show ourselves to be God's ministers: in great endurance, in troubles, in hardships, in difficulties, in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in hard work, in sleepless nights, in times of hunger; in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, in the word of truth, in the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness on the right and on the left; through glory and dishonor, through bad report and good report; treated as deceivers yet being honest,

treated as unknown and yet being well known; as dying, and yet look—we live; as punished yet not put to death; as grieving yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing yet possessing everything.

~**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 252, vv. 1-3 *I Walk In Danger All The Way***

*1. I walk in danger all the way;  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;  
I walk in danger all the way.*

*2. I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.  
Oft in adversity  
I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay;  
I pass through trials all the way.*

**(Hymn continues on next page)**

*3. Death doth pursue me all the way;  
Nowhere I rest securely.  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
And takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity for aye.  
Death doth pursue me all the way.*

### **~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Matthew 4:1-11** Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

### **~Sermon Theme**

*"Satan's 'What-If's' Vs. God's Certainties"*

**~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.**

**~Prayers**

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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 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.*

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#### ~Preface

*(ELH p. 72 ff.; 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.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

#### ~Lenten Preface

*(ELH p. 74)*

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; You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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"

*(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)*

**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. 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."

**~Pax Domini**

*(ELH p. 79)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**~Agnus Dei — "Lamb of God"**

*(ELH p. 79; 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 forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns: )*



**~Hymn 252, vv. 4-6 *I Walk with Angels All The Way***

*4. I walk with angels all the way;  
They shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.*

*5. I walk with Jesus all the way;  
His guidance never fails me.  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me,  
And, by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may,  
I walk with Jesus all the way.*

*6. My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When thou shalt find release for aye  
From all thy sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.*

**~Hymn 302, vv. 3,4 *What Mercy God Showed***

*3. What mercy God showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need—  
For on a tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!*

*4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of this fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.*

**~Hymn 326 O living Bread from Heaven**

1. *O living Bread from heaven,  
How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest!  
The gifts Thou now hast given  
Have filled my heart with joy and rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing,  
O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift professing,  
In thankful songs o'erflows;  
For while the faith within me  
Was quickened by this food,  
My soul hath gazed upon Thee,  
My highest, only Good.*

2. *My God, Thou here hast led me  
Within Thy temple's holiest place  
And there Thyself hast fed me  
With all the treasures of Thy grace.  
O boundless is Thy kindness,  
And righteous is Thy pow'r,  
While I in sinful blindness  
Am erring hour by hour;  
And yet Thou com'st not spurning  
A sinner, Lord, like me!  
Thy grace and love returning,  
What gift have I for Thee?*

3. *A heart that hath repented  
And mourns for sin with bitter sighs—  
Thou, Lord, art well contented  
With this my only sacrifice.  
I know that in my weakness  
Thou wilt despise me not,  
But grant me in Thy meekness  
The blessing I have sought;  
Yes, Thou wilt hear with favor  
The song that now I raise,  
For meet and right 'tis ever  
That I should sing Thy praise.*

4. *Grant what I have partaken  
May through Thy grace so work in me  
That sin be all forsaken  
And I may cleave alone to Thee  
And all my soul be heedful  
How I Thy love may know;  
For this alone is needful  
Thy love should in me glow.  
Then let no beauty ever,  
No joy, allure my heart,  
But what is Thine, my Savior,  
What Thou dost here impart.*

5. *O well for me that, strengthened  
With heav'nly food and comfort here,  
Howe'er my course be lengthened,  
I now may serve Thee free from fear!  
Away, then, earthly pleasure!  
All earthly gifts are vain;  
I seek a heav'nly treasure,  
My home I long to gain,  
My God, where I shall praise Thee,  
Where none my peace destroy,  
And where my soul shall raise Thee  
Glad songs in endless joy.*

~**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. 82 Form 1)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: ♪ And His mercy endures forever.**

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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** (ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~**Benedicamus** (ELH p. 84)

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.**

**~Closing Hymn 250, vv. 3, 4 *Though Devils All the World Should Fill***

*3. Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none,  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.*

*4. The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Let these all be gone,  
They yet have nothing won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.*

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

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

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*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich  
Organist: 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Dennis Marzolf  
Organist: 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: John Baumann*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 101; 10:45am, 97**

**Live Online Viewing: 76**

**Monday: 7**

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Don & Kristen Lehne and  
Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Dan & Joanne Maas

**Offering Counters:** Andy Overn, Chris Kind

**Altar Guild:** Elli Fisher, Jane Zibrowski

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## Weekly Financial Update:

**Given Last Week:** \$17,220.35 (includes text & on-line giving)

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

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE *February 21, 2021– February 28, 2021*

<b>Sunday,</b> February 21	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with Holy Communion
<b>Mon,</b> Feb. 22	6:30PM 7:30PM	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Divine Service with Holy Communion Evangelism Committee Meeting
<b>Tues,</b> Feb. 23		
<b>Wed,</b> Feb. 24	8:05AM 9AM 4PM 6PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes Lent Divine Service
<b>Thurs.,</b> Feb. 25		
<b>Fri.,</b> Feb. 26	6:30-8PM	The Thriving Family Series: Self Care Dr. Londgren
<b>Sat,</b> Feb. 27		
<b>Sunday,</b> February 28	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3PM	Divine Service SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service Youth Sledding at Spring Lake Park

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**ProMusica Minnesota** presents a concert of Bach, Debussy, and Brahms performed by pianist Bethel Balge, Estonian cellist Silver Ainomäe, and Costa Rican clarinetist Gabriel Campos Zamora on **Sunday, March 7, 6:30pm**, at St Paul's Church in New Ulm. For more information, visit ProMusicaMN.com.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.blc.edu/jobs).

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**Midweek Lenten Services:**  
**February 17 – March 24, 2021; 6 PM**  
***“The Road to Redemption”***

**February 24: Midweek Lent 2 — Pr. Micah Plocher (Trinity)**

*“Silence to Silence” Isaiah 42:1-4 — The Trial*

**March 3: Midweek Lent 3 — Pr. Ken Mellon**

*“Garden to Garden” Genesis 3:15 — Eden/Gethsemane*

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

*“Seal to Seal” Daniel 6:16-23 — Daniel & Lions Den/Burial*

**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**

*“King to King” Deuteronomy 17:18-20 — Before Pilate*

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**Mount Olive**  
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**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.

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- **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  
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