

## SEXAGESIMA

Sunday, February 7, 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:** *The Sower sows the Seed of His Word. (Lk 8:4-15) This Word is living and powerful (Heb 4:9-13) to conceive new life in those who hear it. But the planting of Christ is attacked by the devil, the world, and the flesh. Satan snatches the Word away from hard hearts. The riches and pleasures of this life choke off faith. Shallow and emotional belief withers in time of temptation and trouble. But see how Christ bears this attack for us! Christ's cross was planted in the hard and rocky soil of Golgotha. A crown of thorns was placed upon His head. Satan and His demons hellishly hounded and devoured Him. Yet, through His dying and rising again, He destroyed these enemies of ours. Jesus is Himself the Seed which fell to the ground and died in order that it might sprout forth to new life and produce much grain. In Him the weak are strong. (2 Cor 11:19 - 12:9) He is the Word of the Father which does not return void (Is 55:10-13) but yields a hundredfold.*



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 Hymn 26, vv. 1, 2 O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine**

*1. O Holy Ghost, Thou gift divine,  
And giver of all blessing,  
Thou, with the Father and the Son,  
True Godhead art possessing,  
And from them both art shed abroad,  
Eternal Spirit, Lord and God,  
In Thee all Christians glory.*

*2. O Spirit blest, we Thee entreat:  
O grant us that we ever  
With heart and soul, as it is meet,  
May serve our Lord and Savior,  
And Him confess till our last breath,  
As Lord of life and Lord of death  
And give Him praise and honor.*

~**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. 60-61, 1; 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: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

**C: I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you!

**C: Amen**

**~Introit**

*(Ps 44:1, 23-24)*

P: Awake! Why do you sleep, O Lord?

**C: Arise! Do not cast us off forever.**

P: Why do You hide Your face and forget our affliction and our oppression?

**C: We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what deeds You did in their days.**

**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.**

**~Kyrie Eleison**

*(ELH p. 63, form 1)*

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

**~Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

*(ELH p. 64-66)*

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. 151 #34)

P: O God, You see that we do not put our trust in anything we do: Mercifully grant, that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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.**

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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

**Isaiah 55:10-13** Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there

unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Yes, you will go out with joy, and in peace you will be carried along.

The mountains and the hills will break out in shouts of joy before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of thorns, a fir tree will grow up.

Instead of briars, a myrtle tree will grow up.

This will make a name for the Lord.

It will serve as an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

~**Alleluia** — *"God Be Praised"*

(ELH p. 67)

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

~Holy Gospel

(ELH p. 68)

P: The Holy Gospel for Sexagesima is written in the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the fourth verse.

**C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!**

~Holy Gospel Lesson

**Luke 8:4-15** As a large crowd was gathering and people from one town after another were making their way to him, he spoke using a parable. "A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the path. It was trampled, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground. As soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up with it and choked it. Other seed fell into good soil. It grew and produced fruit—one hundred times as much as was sown." As he said these things, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!" His disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?" He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in parables so that 'even though they see, they may not see, and even though they hear, they may not understand.' This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear it, but then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts to keep them from believing and being saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root. So they believe for a while, but then fall away in a time of testing. The seeds that fell into the thorns are the ones who hear the word, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of life, so they do not mature. And the seeds in the good ground are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure.

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

**C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

~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.

~Chief Hymn 494, vv. 1, 2 *I Know My Faith is Founded*

*1. I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing  
Unmoved I stand upon His Word.  
Man's reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts her subtle wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God's Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure,  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.*

*2. Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with Thee beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Thy good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow.  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev'ry evil foe.*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me.

That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

~Sermon Message

*"God's Word Gives Us Strength"*

~**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.**

~**Prayer of the Church**

(ELH p. 71)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*(Special petitions are included)*

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

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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.**

**~General 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us 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”**

*(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.”

~**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 forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns: )

~**Hymn 229, vv. 1-3** *By Faith We Are Divinely Sure*

1. *By faith we are divinely sure  
That grace to us is given.*

*No human effort can secure*

*This precious gift from heaven.*

*'Tis God Himself who must begin*

*The blessed work of faith within*

*And lead us to the Savior.*

2. *A wondrous blessing is our faith,  
It gives the peace we treasure;*

*It comforts us in life and death*

*And grants us joy's full measure.*

*It helps us overcome our grief,*

*And for our doubts we find relief*

*By trusting in God's promise.*

3. *Though in a dark and fearsome hour*

*My sins may sore accuse me,*

*God shall sustain me by His pow'r*

*And ne'er His grace refuse me.*

*More than my sins His grace abounds,*

*A truth that in His Word resounds*

*For all repentant sinners.*

**~Hymn 233, vv. 1-3 *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace***

*1. The Gospel shows the Father's grace,  
Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
That we might thus be justified.*

*2. It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
Who made th' atoning sacrifice,  
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed  
To come and find eternal rest.*

*3. It brings the Savior's righteousness  
Our souls to robe in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release  
And gives the troubled conscience peace.*

**~Hymn 229, vv. 4, 5 *The Word of God Can Never Fail***

*4. The Word of God can never fail;  
It is the rock of ages,  
When Satan doth my faith assail,  
Or doubt its battle wages.  
No more shall fear my soul enfold,  
Since I by faith God's grace behold,  
Which ev'ry fear doth banish.*

*5. Now in this faith I will abide  
Until my days are ended.  
I will not fear what may betide—  
I am by faith defended.  
God's Word a token doth remain  
That in this faith I shall retain  
The promised crown and glory.*

**~Hymn 233, vv. 4-6 *It is The Power of God to Save***

*4. It is the pow'r of God to save  
From sin and Satan and the grave;  
It works the faith, which firmly clings  
To all the treasures which it brings.*

*5. It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The heavy-laden souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.*

*6. May we in faith its tidings learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord our Righteousness!*

~Hymn 328, vv. 7-9 *Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor*

7. *Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,  
Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,  
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring—  
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker:  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven  
For our good, Thy glory, given.*

8. *Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.*

9. *Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,  
Let me gladly here obey Thee.  
By Thy love I am invited;  
Be Thy love with love requited.  
From this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me  
As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.*

~**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, 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** — *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.**

~**Closing Hymn 26, v. 3** *Our Hearts Let New Created Be*

*3. Our hearts let new created be,  
Our walk make pure and holy.  
Help us offense and sin to flee,  
And ever serve God solely,  
So that our faith in Christ, our Lord,  
May prove itself in deed and word  
Before the world about us.*

~**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: Cassie Johnson  
Organist 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Mark DeGarmeaux  
Monday Pianist: Kristin Matzke*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 130; 10:45am, 170**

**Live Online Viewing: 74**

**Monday: 32**

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

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

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

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

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

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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week: \$27,063.30 (includes text & on-line giving)**

**Fiscal Year To Date Surplus (as of 12/31/20): \$21,120**

*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.*

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the church office.***

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE *February 7, 2021- February 14, 2021***

<b>Sunday,</b> February 7	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with Holy Communion
<b>Monday,</b> February 8	9:30AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference @ Peace Parish Ed & Youth Divine Service with Holy Communion Church Council
<b>Tues, Feb. 9</b>	6:30PM	PTF Executive Committee
<b>Wed, Feb. 10</b>	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes
<b>Thurs., Feb. 11</b>		
<b>Fri., Feb. 12</b>		
<b>Sat, Feb. 13</b>		
<b>Sunday,</b> February 14	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** today are given to God's glory by Pastor John & Joyce Petersen in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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](mailto:mjleyrer@gmail.com).

**Singing for Ash Wednesday** - The choir will be rehearsing to sing on Ash Wednesday (February 17), and there is still room for a few more singers! Rehearsal will be February 10 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more details, please contact Elisabeth at [elisabeth.urtel@blc.edu](mailto:elisabeth.urtel@blc.edu) or 612-272-2420.

**Join Us for Mt. Olive's Family Ski Night on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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](http://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](mailto: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!

**Kindergarten Round Up** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 2** at Mt. Olive from 6:30-8:30PM. Kindergarten enrollment for next year is open to children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2021.



**Christian Family Solutions** (CFS) provides quality, compassionate counseling care and services to individuals in need. We're hiring to meet the needs of our growing programs and client numbers, and we're actively recruiting an additional **Minnesota Licensed Psychologist**. This is a full-time position with benefits, serving in a growing organization with a meaningful mission. If you know of someone qualified for this position, who would like a Christian work environment with an excellent support staff, please encourage them to apply online at [www.Christianfamilysolutions.org/careers](http://www.Christianfamilysolutions.org/careers) or contact the HR team for more details at [HRinfo@wlcfs.org](mailto:HRinfo@wlcfs.org).

**Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato** is looking for classroom assistant teachers and aides who have enthusiasm and passion for children, patience and a sense of humor, good communication skills, and are flexible. Please pick up an application from the church office or the Jesus Loves Me office. You may email for an application to [directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com](mailto:directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com) or call 507-345-7707 or 507-508-2041.

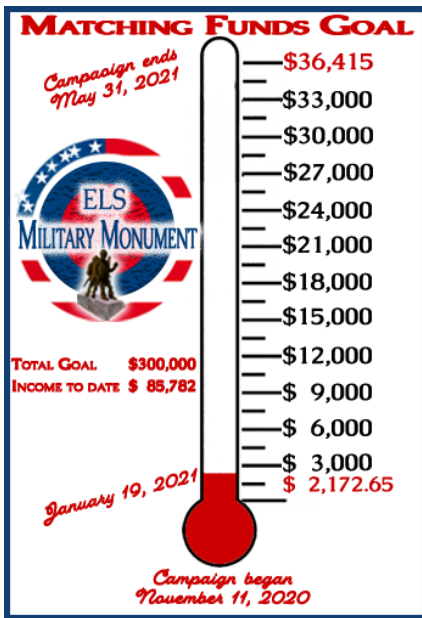


## Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

**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 four different positions:  
Assistant/Associate Professor- Business Administration  
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).



**Our U.S. Military Veterans Protect our Culture of Life:** When you consider the enemies our veterans have been called upon to face over our recent history, it has been against cultures of death. Although in our country we have seen a shift since 1973 when abortion has been legalized in our land, more and more voices in our midst are sounding foreign to our culture of life. In this month when many of us pause in humility and prayer remembering the day of that shameful SCOTUS ruling, calling upon our merciful Lord, it would be good to show our commitment to the protection of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness by honoring those who have bravely served to preserve it for us all. One such way would be by giving to the ELS Military Monument. Until May 31, your gifts to this project will be matched dollar for dollar. Please see the graph of donations for this project thus far and

prayerfully consider contributing to this way of honoring life among us. For more information also check out: [www.els.org/monument](http://www.els.org/monument)



*“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 15<sup>th</sup>. **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.

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

### **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](mailto:emmykf@hotmail.com)