



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 28, 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). 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.

Explanation of the Week: *"Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9-12, Matthew 21:1-9) Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-11) His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin's curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed. We, therefore, keep our eyes fixed upon Him (Hebrews 12:1-6), confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*



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)*

~**Hymn 92 vv. 1-4** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of Kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now,
Creator, wise art Thou!

3. O blest the land the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless Sun of joy He is,
Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now,
Our Comforter art Thou!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now,
Mighty in deed art Thou!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Prepare a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
For lo, your Savior and your King
Salvation, life, and peace doth bring.
To Thee, O God, be praise
For word and deed and grace!

~**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 of Sin**

(ELH p. 61-62; Form II)

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

(Psalm 118, select verses)

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

C: For His mercy endures forever.

L: Let Israel now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

L: Let the house of Aaron now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

L: Let those who fear the Lord now say,

C: "His mercy endures forever."

L: I called on the Lord in distress;

C: The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

L: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

C: What can man do to me?

L: Save now, I pray, O Lord;

C: Hosanna in the highest.

L: O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity. Hosanna!

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

C: Save now, I pray, O Lord.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

C: For His mercy endures forever.

~Gloria Patri (p. 62)

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.

~Hymn 277 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
The company of angels
Is praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.

4. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

5. All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring
Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

~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. 154 #52)

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, You have caused Your beloved Son to take our nature upon Himself, that He might give us the example of humility and suffer death upon the cross for our sins: Mercifully grant us a believing knowledge of this, that we may follow the example of His patience, and be made partakers of the benefits of His sacred Passion and death; 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. Amen.

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.)

~Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11 Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

~Lenten Sentence (p. 67)

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

~Holy Gospel (p. 68)

P: The Holy Gospel for Palm Sunday is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

Matthew 21:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

~**Apostles' Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 68)

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.

~**Hymn 88 vv. 1, 3 - 4** *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

3. My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee.
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4. Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
Help, Lord; hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King!

~**Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text**

Zechariah 9:9-10 Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!

Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

Look! Your King is coming to you.

He is righteous and brings salvation.

He is humble and is riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the horse from Jerusalem.
The battle bow will be taken away,
and he will proclaim peace to the nations.
His kingdom will extend from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

~Sermon

The Arrival of Our Unique Savior King

1. *Unique in the way He comes to us.*
2. *Unique in His purpose for coming.*

~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 (pp. 71-72)

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.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 85; 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.

~Hymn 279 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n, our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 85, 1)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

C: ♪ Amen.

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

(ELH p. 87; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

~**Hymn 280 Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty**

1. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,

With palms and scattered garments
strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

The angel armies of the sky

Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes

To see th'approaching Sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;

The Father on His sapphire throne

Expects His own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,

Then take, O Christ, Thy pow'r and reign.

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

(See "Prayers for Worship"

—ELH p. 40)

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: John Baumann

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 176/136; 10:45am, 131/92

Sun Live Online Viewing: 45

Monday: 26/21

Wednesday: 112

Wed Live Online Viewing: 45

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Ron & Mary Younge and Dean & LuAnn Shoop

2nd Service: Joyce Petersen

Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Leiferman, Elyse Haugen

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$16,497.36 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Surplus (as of 2/28/21): \$27,305

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.

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 *March 28 – April 4, 2021 (Holy Week)*

Sunday, March 28	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Palm Sunday Divine Service SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service
Mon, March 29	6:30PM	Divine Service with Holy Communion (HC)
Tues, March 30		No M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wed, March 31	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study <i>Grade 8 Only</i> Confirmation Class
Thurs., April 1	6PM	Maundy Thursday No M.O.M.s Bible Study Maundy Thursday Service w/HC & Tenebrae
Fri., April 2	Noon-3PM 6PM	Good Friday Tre Ore service, St. Paul's, North Mankato Good Friday Service with Holy Communion
Sat, April 3	9AM-4 PM	Volunteers, New 2 You
Sunday, April 4	6:30AM 8AM 10AM	Easter Sunday Easter Sunrise Service Easter Festival with Holy Communion No Bible Study/Sunday School or Youth Group Easter Festival with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Audrey Spear in memory of Stella & Raymond Richter.

New 2 You Opportunity to Volunteer: Mount Olive is responsible for staffing New 2 You on the first Saturday of each month. The hours are 9:30-3:00. This can be broken up into 2 shifts of 9:30-12:30 and 12-3, or you can choose to work the entire time. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested. Please contact Emily Goetzke or Beth Westphal if you have any questions. This is a great opportunity to work with a friend or meet new friends as you volunteer. It's fun and easy and Mount Olive benefits every quarter of the year when we receive monies based on the profits of New 2 You. Thanks for volunteering!

Thrivent Choice Dollars® Through Thrivent Choice®, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

Mount Olive is a participating organization. Eligible Thrivent Financial members with available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2021**, to direct them. Go to www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

Jesus’ Lambs at Peace Preschool is hosting its annual Open House on **Tuesday, March 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** We are located at the corner of Lookout and Commerce Drive in North Mankato. If you would like to come that evening to enroll your child, take a tour, let your child enjoy learning games, crafts and fun, please join us. For more information or to volunteer to help, please call Joslyn at 507-594-8929 or email her at joslynmoldstsd@gmail.com

Singing for Maundy Thursday and Easter - The choir will be meeting to rehearse music for Maundy Thursday (April 1) and Easter (April 4). There is plenty of room for new singers! Rehearsal is March 31 at 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Elisabeth at elisabeth.urteil@blc.edu or 612-272-2420.

The 5th Annual Men of Truth Conference, Band of Brothers, is **April 10th** at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, New Ulm, **8am-2:30pm** (in-person & livestreaming). Five featured speakers lead by Keynote Speaker Mark Jeske explore topics of 1) Get a Brother. You’re Not Alone. 2) Be a Brother. Don’t Go Alone. and 3) Know Your Sisters. Listen. Treat Women Well. Lunch-on-your-own time is 11:45-1pm. For more information and to register for the event, go to www.menoftruth.org. Take advantage of an early registration discount! (We will be following current health guidelines at time of the event).



"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



SAVE THE DATE!

Circuit 9 Mission Rally

**Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota**

All monetary contributions by check for the year 2021 should be made out to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church with “Circuit 9 Mission Rally” noted on the memo line. Mailing address: 1123 Marsh St. Mankato, MN 56001. This is in response to the new constitutional guidelines and ELS financial rules.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME! Age appropriate, mission focused, and enjoyable activities are being planned for children of all ages in Mt. Olive’s ample facilities and the topics to be presented for the adults will be of interest to both men and women.

Service Opportunity – (children’s) sunglasses, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss will be collected throughout the circuit to be sent to Thoughts of Faith – dental program. Please consider reaching out to local dental offices in your area to see if they would be willing to donate these dental hygiene items. Personal contributions are also encouraged.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School 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.

MVL Routes with Palmer Bus Service

Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for MVL routes. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com to learn more.

Open House

MVL has rescheduled their Open House to April 14. See the poster on the board around the corner of the nursery for timeframes based on last names.

Bethany Lutheran College

Open Positions: BLC is currently taking applications for these positions:

- Adjunct Faculty - Nursing Department (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor - Business Administration
- Computer Systems Specialist

More information on these jobs can be found at <http://www.blc.edu/jobs>

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES – 2021
“*Road to Redemption*”

April 1: Maundy Thursday —

with Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar/Tenebrae Service *at Mt. Olive* 6pm

April 2: Good Friday —

~Area ELS/WELS community—“*Tre Ore Service*” (“*Three Hour Service*”—*you may come and go as you are able to attend*) *at St. Paul’s Lutheran, North Mankato* 12pm – 3pm
~Good Friday Service with Holy Communion *at Mt. Olive* 6pm

April 4: Easter —

Easter Sunrise Service *at Mt Olive* 6:30am

Easter Festival *at Mt Olive* with Holy Communion 8am & 10am

