



## LENT 3

Sunday, March 7, 2021, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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**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:** *Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the word of the Lord. (Jer 26:1-15) So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak. (Lk 11:14-28) But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard. (Ex 8:16-24) They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord. (Eph 5:1-9) As children of light our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us. In a world where demons roam we confess, "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net."*



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 260 Now Let Triumphant Faith Dispel**

1. Now let triumphant faith dispel  
Our fears of guilt and woe!  
If God be for us—God the Lord—  
Who dares to be our foe?

2. He who His only Son gave up  
To death, that we might live,  
Shall He not all things freely grant  
His boundless love can give?

3. Who now His people shall accuse?  
For God has justified!  
Who now His people shall condemn?  
The Lamb of God has died!

4. And He who died has ris'n again  
Triumphant from the grave;  
At God's right hand for us He pleads,  
Eternally to save.

~**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: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

**C: for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul,

**C: O my God, I trust in You.**

P: Turn Yourself to me and have mercy on me,

**C: For I am desolate and afflicted.**

~**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. 153 #45)*

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, that He might overcome the devil, and defend us poor sinners against the adversary: We give thanks to You for Your merciful help, and we beseech You to attend us with Your grace in all temptations, to preserve us from carnal security, and by Your Holy Spirit to keep us in Your Word in Your fear, that we may be delivered from the enemy, and obtain eternal salvation; 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

**2 Samuel 22:1-7** David spoke the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the grasp of all his enemies, even from the grasp of Saul. He said:

The Lord is my rocky cliff,  
my stronghold, and my deliverer.  
My God is my rock. I take refuge in him.  
He is my shield and the horn of my salvation,  
my high fortress, my refuge, and my savior.  
You save me from violence.  
I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,  
and I am saved from my enemies.  
The waves of death swirled around me.  
Floodwaters of destruction rolled over me.  
The ropes of the grave wrapped around me.  
The traps of death threatened me.  
In my distress I called to the Lord.  
To my God I cried out.  
He heard my voice from his temple.  
My cry for help reached his ears.

### ~Special Music

## ~Epistle Lesson

**Ephesians 5:1-9** Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. So do not share in what they do. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

## ~Lenten Verse

(ELH p. 67)

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

## ~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 259, vv. 1-3, 5 *The Kingdom Satan Founded***

*1. The kingdom Satan founded  
Shall now be overthrown,  
For Christ its fall hath sounded,  
And through His pow'r alone  
Shall Satan meet his doom,  
And be for aye confounded;  
He from the souls he wounded  
Shall flee in fear and gloom.*

*2. Though he would bind forever  
Our lips with bands of hell,  
Yet Christ, sent to deliver,  
Can loose those bands full well,  
That e'en the dumb may raise  
His voice with joy and pleasure  
And sing in sweetest measure  
To God his thanks and praise.*

*3. O Jesus! My distresses  
To Thee are known full well,  
Thou seest how Satan presses  
My soul's weak citadel;  
His aim is to control  
My members and my senses,  
With sin and with offenses  
He steals into my soul.*

*5. To God I raise my crying  
Before the mercy-seat,  
And on His Word relying  
I grace of Him entreat,  
That He for Jesus' sake  
Would cleanse my soul and spirit  
Through Jesus' blood and merit,  
And Satan's power break.*

**~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Luke 11:14-28** And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!”

But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

### ~Sermon Theme

*“The Kingdom of God Has Come Upon You”*

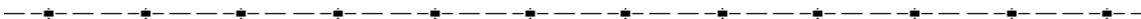
1. *God’s Kingdom has come upon us by God’s grace.*
2. *It overcomes any and all opposition.*
3. *We receive it and enter by His Word.*

~**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



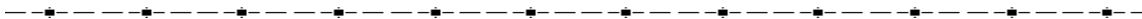
## III. The Service of Holy Communion



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

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

**Guests & Visitors:** *We practice “Close” or “Closed Communion”. We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to Speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*





**~Preface**

*(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 259, vv. 6, 7 *God, Let Not Love of Sinning***

*6. God, let not love of sinning  
Thy fear drive from my breast,  
Lest Satan, triumph winning,  
Be of my heart possessed;  
O let Thy chast'ning rod  
Each day give me direction,  
To seek Thy sure protection  
And tell Thy grace abroad.*

*7. My heart must Thou have solely,  
My Savior and my God!  
Come, Jesus, take it wholly,  
And make it Thine abode!  
Mold it to Thy control,  
That I, Thy Word receiving,  
May find, in Thee believing,  
Salvation for my soul.*

**~Hymn 242, vv. 1, 2, 6, 7 *Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy***

*1. Baptized into Thy name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Thy Spirit now shall live within.*

*2. My loving Father, Thou dost take me  
To be henceforth Thy child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, Thou dost make me  
The fruit of all Thy sorrows share.  
Thou, Holy Ghost, wilt comfort me  
When darkest clouds around I see.*

*6. Depart, depart, thou prince of darkness!  
No more by thee I'll be enticed.  
Here is indeed a tarnished conscience,  
But sprinkled with the blood of Christ.  
Away, vain world! O sin, away!  
Lo, I renounce you all this day.*

*7. And never let my purpose falter,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
But keep me faithful to Thine altar  
Till Thou shalt call me from my post.  
So unto Thee I live and die  
And praise Thee evermore on high.*

**~Hymn 246, vv. 1, 3, 5 *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!*

*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!*

*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!*

**~Hymn 26, vv. 1, 2, 5 *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.*

*5. Give strength and courage to contend  
Against the hosts of evil,  
That we may vanquish, in the end,  
The world, the flesh, the devil;  
And when death's billow o'er us rolls,  
Bear Thou to heav'n our ransomed souls  
While dust to dust returneth.*

**~Hymn 261 Who Trusts in God**

1. *Who trusts in God, a strong abode  
In heav'n and earth possesses;  
Who looks in love to Christ above,  
No fear his heart oppresses.  
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own  
Sweet hope and consolation,  
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,  
Our great and sure Salvation.*

2. *Though Satan's wrath beset our path  
And worldly scorn assail us,  
While Thou art near, we will not fear;  
Thy strength shall never fail us.  
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe  
And guide our steps forever;  
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath  
Our souls from Thee shall sever.*

3. *In all the strife of mortal life  
Our feet shall stand securely;  
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,  
For Thou shalt guard us surely.  
O God, renew with heav'nly dew  
Our body, soul, and spirit  
Until we stand at Thy right hand  
Through Jesus' saving merit.*

**~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. 83 Form II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

**C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that

we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 354, v. 6 *Satan's Arrows All Lie Broken***

*6. Satan's arrows all lie broken,  
Death and hell have met their doom;  
Christ, Thy rising is the token:  
Thou hast triumphed o'er the tomb.  
Thou hast buried all my woe,  
And my cup doth overflow;  
By Thy resurrection glorious  
I shall wave my palms victorious.*

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

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

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*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen  
Organist: 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Cassie Johnson  
Organist: 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday:** 8:30am, 149; 10:45am, 110

**Sun Live Online Viewing:** 67

**Monday:** 23

**Wednesday:** 135

**Wed Live Online Viewing:** 35

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Ron & Mary Younge and  
Dean & LuAnn Shoop

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Joyce Petersen

**Offering Counters:** Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

**Altar Guild:** Carol Leiferman, Elyse Haugen

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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$14,743.51 (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 *March 7, 2021- March 14, 2021***

<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with Holy Communion
<b>Mon, March 8</b>	9:30AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> Area Pastors' Conference @ Peace Divine Service with Holy Communion Church Council
<b>Tues, March 9</b>	6:30PM	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> PTF Executive Committee <b>NO M.O.M.s Bible Study (Londgren Home)</b>
<b>Wed, March 10</b>	4PM 6PM	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>NO Bible Study</b> Confirmation Classes Lent Divine Service
<b>Thurs., March 11</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>NO M.O.M.s Bible Study @Peace</b> <b>NO M.O.M.s Bible Study (Social Hall)</b>
<b>Fri., March 12</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Sat, March 13</b>	9AM	Long Range Planning Committee
<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	<b>Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)</b> Divine Service SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday Bible Class will NOT meet this week.** Pr. Luke Ulrich is out of town. The study on 1 John will continue on Wednesday, March 17th.

**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](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**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](http://ProMusicaMN.com).

**Wanted: Plastic Thread Spools!** After-School Care is collecting plastic thread spools to use as paint stamps. You may send the spools to ASC with your child or drop them off at the office. If you attend church, you may drop them off at the office or put them in ASC's mailbox cubby by the teachers' copier.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Men of Truth Conference, Band of Brothers**, will be held **April 10<sup>th</sup>** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, **8am-2:30pm** (in-person & livestreaming). Five featured speakers lead by Keynote Speaker Mark Jeske will 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 will be 11:45-1pm. For more information and to register for the event, go to [www.menoftruth.org](http://www.menoftruth.org). Take advantage of an early registration discount! (We will be following current health guidelines at time of the event).

**Food drive:** Out of gratitude and great love for our Savior we hope you will join us in sharing the abundance that we have with those in need. Mt. Olive will be collecting non perishable food donations for ECHO Food Shelf from **Sunday, March 07 through Sunday, March 28**. Please place your donations in the boxes under the band room window.

*Hebrews 13:16. And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

**Easter Dinner:** Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee is working to gather food items to supply Easter dinner for the homeless youth in the Mankato area. The staff at The REACH have agreed to prepare the food and deliver it to their clients on our behalf. Please look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

### **Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School**

#### **MVL Assistant Golf Coach Needed**

MVL is looking for an assistant golf coach for this spring. A person who wants to share their love and knowledge of the game with young people. Practices and meets take place after school. For more information contact Craig Morgan at [cmorgan@mvlhs.org](mailto:cmorgan@mvlhs.org) or 507-276-7576.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:rayv@palmerbusservice.com) to learn more.

**Bethany Lutheran College**

**Open Positions:** BLC is currently taking applications for four different positions:

- Resident Hall Coordinator - Men's Dorm
- Assistant/Associate Professor- Business Administration
- Computer Systems Specialist- IT
- Dean of Students

More information on these jobs can be found at [www.blc.edu/jobs](http://www.blc.edu/jobs).



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

**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*





*"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:heidjennifergraham@gmail.com">heidjennifergraham@gmail.com</a>	Kristen Lukasek, <a href="mailto:mattlukasek@yahoo.com">mattlukasek@yahoo.com</a>