



TRINITY 18

Sunday, October 11, 2020, 8:30 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Explanation of the Week: *The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "trap" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt 22:34-46). The Law requires you to "fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the stranger" (Deut 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).



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 Prayer

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

~Hymn 30, vv. 1, 3, 4 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*1. Open now Thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!*

*3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.*

*4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,
Let me keep Thy gift divine;
Howsoe’er temptations thicken,
May Thy Word forever shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in the strife.*

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. 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 a 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.

~Kyrie Eleison — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 42)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~Absolution — *God’s declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, 1; Mk 16:16, Jn 1:12)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only 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 will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

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

(ELH p. 45; p. 162 #116)

P: O Lord, because without You we are not able to please You: Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

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

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 So now, Israel, what is the Lord your God asking of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord and his statutes that I am commanding you today for your own good.

Indeed, the heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth and everything that is on it—these belong to the Lord your God. Still, the Lord attached himself to your fathers, loved them, and he chose their descendants after them (that's you!) from all peoples, as it is today.

So cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature, and do not be stubborn any longer.

The Lord your God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords, the great God, the mighty one and the awesome one, who does not show favoritism and does not take a bribe. He carries out justice for the fatherless and widows. He loves the alien who dwells among you and gives him food and clothing. So you are to love the alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

Fear the Lord your God, serve him, cling to him, and take your oaths in his name.

He is your glory. He is your God, who performed for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46 When they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees met together. One of them who was an expert in the law asked him a question, trying to trap him. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"

Jesus said to him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "The Son of David."

He said to them, "Then how can David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies
under your feet?'

"So if David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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

(ELH p. 46)

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.

~**Chief Hymn 491, vv. 1, 4, 5** *All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall*

*1. All mankind fell in Adam's fall,
One common sin infects them all;
From sire to son the bane descends,
And over all the curse impends.*

*4. But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way,
Our only Hope, our only Stay.*

*5. As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all received the gift of grace.*

~**Sermon Text**

Romans 10:1-13 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Israelites is that they may be saved. Indeed, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but it is not consistent with knowledge. Since they were ignorant of the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness from God. For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness.

Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

~Sermon Message

"Do You Have the Right Righteousness?"

~Hymn 403, vv. 3, 5, 6 *God Would Not Have the Sinner Die*

*3. God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.*

*5. If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.*

*6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!*

~Special Prayers & Petitions

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; 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.

~Prayer

(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 59; 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 233, vv. 1, 5, 6 *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.*

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!*

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

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

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: 1st Service: Cassie Johnson
Organist: 2nd Service: John Baumann
Monday Service: Kristin Matzke
Soloist 1st Service: Paul Gullixson*

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 162/135; 10:45am, 135/101;

Monday: 22/18

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Peggy Harstad; Dean & Cathy Kluge;

2nd Service: Jim & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Ron Younge, Jeff Younge

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Elli Fisher

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$13,863.40 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 9/30/20): \$20,802.64

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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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.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *October 11, 2020 - October 18, 2020*

Sunday, October 11	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3:30PM	Divine Service SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service Outdoors Sr. Youth Group Hiking Seven Mile Creek
Mon., Oct. 12	9:30AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference @ Peace Board of Parish Ed & Youth Divine Service Church Council
Tues., Oct. 13	6:30PM 7PM	PTF Executive Committee M.O.M.s Bible Study (Ulrich Home)
Wed, Oct. 14	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study - Ted Gullixson Confirmation Classes
Thurs., Oct. 15	8:30AM 1PM	MEA - NO SCHOOL Church Office Closed NO M.O.M.s Bible Study (Peace) NO M.O.M.s Bible Study (Mt Olive Social Hall)
Fri., October 16		MEA - NO SCHOOL Church Office Closed
Sat, October 17		
Sunday, October 18	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with HC Outdoors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar: This month we remember with thanks our Pastors and their dedication to us and our church.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Church Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, October 15th & 16th. If you need help registering for church services please contact the office by Wednesday, October 14th.

TODAY: Our Senior Youth outing is planned for October 11, 3:30 p.m.-6:30p.m., for hiking at Seven Mile Creek followed by pizza and a devotion.

God willing, we intend to keep worshipping outside for our 10:45 service on Sunday mornings through October. Further updates will be given as we get closer to November.

Sunday School Announcement: We're thankful to have our Sunday School back up and running. Students should gather in the gym at 9:40am. Parents may pick their children up from their class at 10:20am. Kindergarten is in the Library. 1st & 2nd Grade is in Mrs. Beilke's Old Room. 3rd & 4th Grade are in Mrs. Fosburgh's Room. 5th & 6th Grade are in the Social Hall.

Our Sunday morning Bible Class is now meeting in the church sanctuary between services. Today we are discussing what Lutherans, for 500 years, have confessed and taught about "The Last Things". So, grab a cup of coffee and an individually wrapped treat from the social hall, and join us!

Help wanted for weekly housekeeping and general assistance at the home of Mt Olive members Chris and Ruth Faye. Typically 2-3 hours per week. Very flexible schedule and salary negotiable. Those interested are asked to call Ruth Faye at 507-720-0982.

ELS & WELS Singles Facebook Group If you're single (unmarried, divorced, widowed) and looking to socialize, make friends, or enjoy fellowship with other singles who share your faith, we encourage you to join our Facebook group! Our group consists of over 300 members with ages ranging from 18-65+. We're an active group who loves sharing Biblical encouragement, prayers, Lutheran memes, personal victories, and food. Our page is full of discussion posts and we typically have a weekly video chats on Sunday evenings. We'd love to have you join us.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wels.els.singles>

Singing for Reformation and All Saints' If you would like to be part of a small ensemble of singers for Reformation Sunday (Oct. 25) and/or All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 1), there is room for a few more! Rehearsals will be Oct. 14, 21, and 28 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more details, please contact Elisabeth at elisabeth.urtel@blc.edu or 612-272-2420.

Attention Crafters! We are looking for people who like to sew, knit or crochet! With the falling temperatures, and winter approaching we are reminded of the things that keep us warm. Would you be interested in making hats for the chemo patients that utilize the Mayo health system? Please drop off your finished products in the church office or ASC room. When creating your works of art, please keep in mind the sensitivities of chemo patients (soft yarns/fabrics, smoke and pet free environments are best).

Join the discussion online! The 2020 “Gospel Outreach With Media” Conference, hosted by the Christ in Media Institute at Bethany Lutheran College, will open for discussion entirely online for three weeks starting Monday, October 19. This is the sixth annual conference. Go to GOWM.org to participate. It’s free and all are welcome.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Free Webinar: Give Your Best Year-End Gift Are you aware of the tools, legislation, and opportunities available to you to maximize your end-of-year giving? This free one-hour webinar will give you the information you need to support the ministries you care about while minimizing your taxes. Join presenter Jenny Nohelty of Gift Planning Services and MVL hosts Kristin Matzke and Val Holzhueter on Thursday, October 22 at 6:30pm. Visit mvl.org/calendar for the registration link, or email Kristin at kmatzke@mvlhs.org for more information.

MVL International Student Housing MVL is seeking housing for one of our international students. This young man is a sophomore and remained in the area over the summer. Host families are compensated for housing international students. If you are interested in serving as a host family for the school year, please contact the school office at 507-354-6851 or email Dr. Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org.

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.

Bus Drivers Needed for MVL Routes Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. With an increased enrollment and necessary distancing measures, we're urgently seeking MVL route drivers and substitute drivers for these great students. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Interested individuals should contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387.



Dear Members of Mt. Olive,

Next Sunday will end our **“No Mission Support Bake Sale – SALE.”**

Thanks to so many generous people in our congregation, we will certainly reach our goal and even exceed it. Know that your gifts will help provide many not only with their “daily bread,” but also will enable them to hear the saving Gospel.



“Moms supporting Moms in raising godly children”

Moms On a Mission Bible study (MOMs) is in session! Choose one of three opportunities to gather with other moms to discuss different women from Scripture and how their stories and God’s truths relate to us. Study materials are provided. Please see the table below to identify which study works best for you! **Note: Tuesday evening study is now meeting in the home of Rachel Ulrich, masks are optional.** Questions? Contact Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com. M.O.M.s is for any mother, any age. New moms welcome at any time.

	Tuesday Evening M.O.M.s	Thursday Morning M.O.M.s	Thursday Afternoon M.O.M.s
When:	September 8-October 26 7-8:30pm, NO CHILDCARE	September 10-November 5 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10) CHILDCARE PROVIDED	September 10-November 5 1-2:30pm, NO CHILDCARE
Where:	1122 Anderson Dr., Ulrich home	Peace Lutheran Church	Mt. Olive Social Hall
Study:	<u>Women of the Bible</u>	<u>Women of the Bible</u>	<u>Women of the Bible</u>
Facilitator:	Rachel Ulrich	Thalia Londgren	Kristen Lukasek