



TRINITY 19

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Explanation of the Week: *The Lord does not to require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen 28:10-17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" (Matt 9:1-8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. For "God has given such power to men." In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph 4:22-28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"*

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 72, vv. 1, 3 Thy Strong Word

*1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end.*

*3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end.*

~**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. 163 #119)

P: O almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Your and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

First Service Only

~Men's Choir "Abide with Me"

(arr. J.C. Wohlfeil)

- 1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!*
- 2. I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!*
- 3. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*

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 44:21-23 Remember these things, O Jacob, because you are my servant, Israel. I am forming you to be my servant. You, Israel, you will never be forgotten by me. I am blowing away your rebellious deeds like a cloud, and your sins like a mist. Return to me, because I am redeeming you.

Shout for joy, you heavens, because of what the Lord is doing.
Make a joyful shout, you depths of the earth.
Burst forth with shouts of joy, you mountains,
you forest and every tree in it,
because the Lord has redeemed Jacob,
and in Israel he will display his beauty.

~Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:22-28 As far as your former way of life is concerned, you were taught to take off the old self, which is corrupted by its deceitful desires, and to be renewed continually in the spirit of your mind, and to put on the new self, which has been created to be like God in righteousness and true holiness.

Therefore, after you put away lying, let each of you speak truthfully with your neighbor, because we are all members of one body. "Be angry, yet do not sin." Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry. Do not give the Devil an opportunity. Let the one who has been stealing steal no longer. Instead, let him work hard doing what is good with his own hands, so that he has something to share with a person who is in need.

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

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 65, vv. 1, 2, 4 Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

*1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng;
Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!*

*2. Praise to the Lord who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth,
sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy
doth send thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
Who with His love doth befriend thee.*

~Sermon Text

John 9:1-9 As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God's works might be revealed in connection with him. I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World."

After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes. "Go," Jesus told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

His neighbors and those who had seen him before this as a beggar asked, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "He is the one." Others said, "No, but he looks like him." He kept saying, "I am the one!"

~Sermon Message

"Sight for the Blind!"

- 1. All of us share in natural spiritual blindness.*
- 2. Jesus is the Light who takes away the darkness!*

~Hymn 65, v. 5 *Praise to the Lord*

*5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

~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.

~Hymn 230, vv. 3, 4 *Lord, Thy Words are Waters Living*

*3. Lord, Thy words are waters living
Where I quench my thirsty need.
Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving,
On Thy words my soul doth feed.
Lord, Thy words shall be my light
Through death's vale and dreary night;
Yea, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailling.*

*4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee,
May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heav'n enrich me
So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart
Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heav'nly bliss and glory
I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.*

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.*

~Communion Prayer

(ELH p. 40)

P: Most gracious Lord, You bid me to approach Your altar in confidence and hope. "Come, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." O sweet and friendly word in a sinner's ear, that You, Lord God, invite the needy and the poor to the communion of Your Body and Blood! You, the Lord of the Universe, have willed to come to me, a poor and lowly sinner, to live in me. Of Your infinite grace You have made me Your own dwelling place, for Your glory and my eternal salvation! Grant me grace at all times and in all places to give You hearty thanks for this marvelous gift. O Christ, Lamb of God, grant me Your eternal peace! Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 83, 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 loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You give 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.

~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.”

~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.
After receiving the Lord’s Supper you may exit the Sanctuary.)*

~Hymn 309 A Wondrous Mystery

1. *A wondrous mystery is here
To hold in faith and holy fear:
The Savior comes as food divine,
Concealed in earthly bread and wine.*

2. *This world is loveless, but above,
What wondrous boundlessness of love!
The King of Glory stoops to me
My spirit’s life and strength to be.*

3. *In consecrated wine and bread
No eye perceives the myst’ry spread;
But Jesus’ words are strong and clear:
“My body and My blood are here.”*

4. *How dull are all the pow’rs of sense
Employed on proofs of love immense!
The richest food lies hid from view,
The highest gifts we have below.*

5. *We have no greater boon on earth,
And faith alone discerns its worth,
The Word, not sense, must be our guide,
Christ’s words assure though sight’s denied.*

6. *Lord, show us still that You are good,
And grant us evermore this food
To strengthen ev’ry humble soul
And make each wounded spirit whole.*

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another* (See “Prayers for Worship”

—ELH p. 40)

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: 1st Service: Cassie Johnson
Organist: 2nd Service: Mark DeGarmeaux
Monday Service: Kristin Matzke
1st Service Music: Men's Choir*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

**Sunday: 8:30am, 125; 10:45am, 158;
Monday: 24**

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

**Greeters: 1st Service: Peggy Harstad; Dean & Cathy Kluge;
2nd Service: Mark & Michelle Graham**

Offering Counters: Ron Young, Jeff Young

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Elli Fisher

Weekly Financial Update:

**Given Last Week: \$11,991.29 (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 18, 2020 - October 25, 2020*

Sunday, October 18	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service Outdoors
Mon., Oct. 19	6:30PM 7:15PM	Divine Service with Holy Communion Board of Stewardship
Tues., Oct. 20	6:30PM 7PM	Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study (Ulrich Home)
Wed, Oct. 21	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes
Thurs., Oct. 22	8:30AM 1PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study (Peace) M.O.M.s Bible Study (Mt Olive Social Hall)
Fri., October 23		
Sat, October 24		
Sunday, October 25 Reformation	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3:30PM	Divine Service Congregational Forum NO SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with HC Outdoors Sr. Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Carl Bloedel.

Sunday School Announcement: Please register your children for Sunday School each week. A new user-friendly form has been created on our website to register. 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.

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.

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. 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).

Hy-Vee Kash4Kids

Do you shop at Hy-Vee? Save your receipts from Mankato Hilltop or Riverfront Hy-Vee. Receipts from either location earn cash for Mount Olive. Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to Mount Olive for every \$150 in receipts (dated September 1, 2020 or later) collected. Receipts can be dropped in the collection bin located in the Social Hall. Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits or gas station receipts are not eligible.

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops is now making it even easier to earn cash for Mount Olive. Older Box Tops that are made to be cut out can be dropped in the collection bin located in the Social Hall. Please return cut out box tops by October 23, 2020 so that they can be postmarked by the fall 2020 deadline. Or, download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. With just a few clicks, you can link to Mount Olive and scan your grocery receipts. The app automatically records Box Tops purchases from scanned receipts – no more clipping!

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.

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>

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,

“No Mission Support Bake Sale – SALE.”

Thanks to so many generous people in our congregation, we certainly reached our goal and even exceeded 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