

~Trinity 17 ~
Early Service Indoor
Sunday, October 4, 2020

Order of Service, Rite One (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 41)

~Prelude

~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 409, vv. 1-3 *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

<i>1. Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower; Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy. Thee will I love with all my power, With ardor time shall ne'er destroy. Thee will I love, O Light Divine, So long as life is mine.</i>	<i>2. Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior, Who art my best and truest Friend. Thee will I love and praise forever, For never shall Thy kindness end. Thee will I love with all my heart— Thou my Redeemer art!</i>
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*3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me.
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free.
I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.*

~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

(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, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 162 #114)

P: Lord, we beseech You, grant Your people strength to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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.

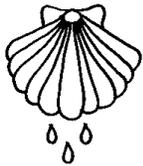
~**Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 4:1-6 As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.



Affirmation of Holy Baptism (1st Service)



(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing "with water through the Word" is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that "all nations" be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one's Baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)

~**Affirmation of Baptism for Penelope Joy Struck**

(Special Order from Lutheran Worship Agenda—pp.105-109)



~**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.

~Hymn 510, vv. 1, 2 *Fear and Love Thy God and Lord*

*1. Fear and love thy God and Lord,
And revere His name and Word,
Holy keep the Sabbath day,
Honor to thy parents pay,
Kill not, shun adultery,
Steal not, lies and slander flee,
Keep from covetousness free.
Help me, Lord, I trust in Thee!*

*2. In the Father I believe,
Who to all did being give,
And in Jesus Christ, His Son,
Who for all redemption won;
And my faith I also place
In the Holy Ghost, whose grace
Sanctifies our souls and ways.
Grant me faith through all my days!*

~Gospel & Sermon Text

Matthew 18:1-5 At that time the disciples approached Jesus and asked, "Who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus called a little child, had him stand in the middle of them, and said, "Amen I tell you: Unless you are turned and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives a little child like this one in my name receives me.

~Sermon Message

"Lessons Learned From Little Ones"

~Hymn 409, vv. 4, 5 *O Keep Me Watchful*

*4. O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
And suffer me no more to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
Nor let me loiter by the way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!*

*5. O teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly
With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may duly
Practice fore'er love's sacred art.
Grant that my ev'ry thought may be
Directed e'er to Thee.*

~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 515, vv. 1, 4 *Thine Forever, God of Love*

1. *Thine forever, God of Love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!*

4. *Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.*



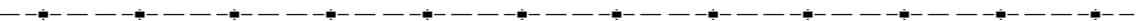
The Service of Holy Communion



(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.)*



*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: 1st Service: Cassie Johnson
Organist: 2nd Service: Mark DeGarmeaux
Monday Service: Kristin Matzke
Soloist 1st Service: Carl Bloedel*



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 124; 10:45am, 135;

Monday: 30

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: \$32,296.24 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 8/31/20): \$5,388.66

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 4, 2020 – October 11, 2020*

Sunday, October 4	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth Divine Service with Holy Communion Outdoors
Mon., October 5	5:30PM 6:30PM 7PM	Board of Deacons Divine Service with Holy Communion Board of Education
Tues., Oct. 6	6:30PM 7PM	Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study (Ulrich Home)
Wed, October 7	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes
Thurs., Oct. 8	8:30AM 1PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study (Peace) M.O.M.s Bible Study (Mt Olive Social Hall)
Fri., October 9		
Sat, October 10		
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Affirmation of baptism today during 1st service: Penelope Joy Struck, infant daughter of Karl & Laura Struck, was born August 9, 2020 and baptized on August 15, 2020. Her sponsors are Mitch & Lacy Okonek. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

Flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Steve & Lois Jaeger.

Sign up for flowers: The 2020 sign-up sheet for flowers for the sanctuary is on the wall in the entry way next to the bulletin board. Please consider providing flowers or a plant to beautify our sanctuary.

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!

Sunday School families, please note that our new year of classes for children K-6 is set to begin **TODAY at 9:40**. Students should gather in the gymnasium to meet their teachers and go to their classrooms.

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.

Mark your calendars: Our next 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.

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>

Options Mankato Pro-Life Gala Sunday, October 11th from 5-8 p.m. at the Kato Ballroom. If you are interested in attending the event or supporting this mission in other ways please contact Karla Reagles at karla.reagles@blc.edu or call/text at 608-385-2694. We are also looking for a generous donor to sponsor a table for additional BLC students or the Bethany Pro-Life group to attend. There is an immense interest among our student body for this movement.

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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

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 Association Meeting Update The MVLHS Association meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 18, will not be conducted as a normal in-person meeting. Reports will be sent out to the delegates in advance of the meeting. Delegates should expect to receive communications from MVL regarding two proposals: the addition of a Learning Coordinator position on the faculty for the 21-22 school year and granting MNDOT permission to erect a sound barrier along Highway 14 when the expanded road is built.

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. FT and PT positions available with paid training! If interested contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387.

Charger Challenge Giving Back Day a Blessing to All!

Students and teachers enjoyed the opportunity to show God's love through service projects on Friday, September 25! Local organizations and members of the community were blessed through their gifts:

- Kindergarten made 36 Mommy and Me Kits to give to Options For Women for their virtual play groups!
- First Grade made 50 birthday bags to give to ECHO food shelf!
- Second Grade made 26 fall wreaths and packed care packages for nursing home residents!
- Third Grade made and packed 12 Welcome Bags for Options For Women to give to new clients that attend parenting education classes! In addition, they tied three blankets to donate to The REACH, an organization that helps runaway and at-risk teens!
- Fourth Grade packed 23 Foster Care Bags for children being placed in a new home!
- Fifth Grade wrote to 113 veterans and packed care packages to 8 members currently serving in the armed forces!
- Sixth Grade wrote to and packed care packages for 20 college students!
- Seventh Grade put together 12 "Moving Out" baskets for clients of Partners For Affordable Housing that are moving into their own place after being homeless!
- Eighth Grade cut and tied 11 baby blanket to donate to Options For Women!

Thank you, Thrivent Financial, for providing funding for all of our service projects!!! Thank you, Culver's of North Mankato, for providing ice cream sundaes for a special treat! Thank you to Markeita Tiegs for being our photographer for the day! Thank you to the members of the Charger Challenge committee: Abbie Smith, Sarah Cornish, Kristin Lehne, Annette Schmeling, Heidi Graham, Bethany Ferkenstad, Laura Smith, Jess Gunderson, and Kristen Lukasek. **And above all, thank you to God the Father, from whom all blessings flow.**

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19



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