

~Trinity 14 ~
Early Service Indoor
Sunday, September 13, 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 2, v. 2 *Thou Holy Light*

*2. Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,
Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~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. 161 #108)

P: Keep Your Church, we beseech You, O Lord, with Your perpetual mercy; and because our weak flesh without You can only fail. Keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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.

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19 On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

~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.

~Hymn 182, vv. 5, 6 *Wisdom's Fountain Ever-Flowing*

*5. Wisdom's fountain ever-flowing
Has its highest source in Thee.
By Thy grace confine my going
In Thy footsteps, trod for me;
In which I with lowly and perfect
submission
May bend to Thy wisdom my will and
ambition;
And when, O my Savior, I know Thee
aright
I then shall have risen to wisdom's great
height.*

*6. I have naught, my God, to offer,
Save the blood of Thy dear Son;
Graciously accept the proffer:
Make His righteousness mine own.
His holy life gave He, was crucified for
me;
His righteousness perfect He now pleads
before Thee;
His own robe of righteousness, my
highest good,
Shall clothe me in glory, through faith in
His blood.*

~Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 8:1-9 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone supposes that he knows something, he does not yet know the way he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, this person has been known by him.

So, concerning the eating of food from idol sacrifices, we know that an idol is not anything real in the world and that there is no God but one. Indeed, even if there are so-called "gods," whether in the heavens or on earth (as in fact there are many "gods" and many "lords"), nevertheless for us there is one God—the Father, from whom all things exist and we exist for him—and one Lord—Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist and we exist through him.

However, that knowledge is not in everyone. Instead some, who are still affected by their former habit with the idol, eat the food as something sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

Food will not bring us closer to God. We do not lack anything if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. And be careful that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

~Sermon Message

"To Know or Be Known?"

- 1. It's very important to know about God.*
- 2. But it's even more important that we are known by God.*

~Hymn 174 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

1. *Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge ne'er was given.*

2. *God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.*

3. *Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.*

4. *Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.*

~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.

~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 178 *I Pray Thee*

*I pray Thee, dear Lord Jesus,
My heart to keep and train
That I Thy holy temple
From youth to age remain.
Turn Thou my thoughts forever
From worldly wisdom's lore;
If I but learn to know Thee,
I shall not want for more.*

~Closing 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.

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organist: 1st Service: Cassie Johnson
Organist: 2nd Service: John Baumann
Monday Service: Kristin Matzke
Soloist: 1st Service: Beret Finken

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 128/103; **10:45am**, 130;

Monday: 16/14

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Don & Beth Westphal;
Mark & Vivian Smith

2nd Service: Dan & Joanne Maas;
Mark & Sharon Madson

Offering Counters: Mark Graham, Mark Olson

Altar Guild: Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$16,564.61 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 7/31/20): \$2,062.53

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Dear Mt. Olive Family & Friends: Due to the concerns for public health during this COVID-19 pandemic, and respecting the advisement of our governmental agencies, we also offer our WORSHIP SERVICES on our website and on our local TV station, KTV.

Please know that our church leadership is continuing to look for the best possible ways to serve you with Word and Sacrament. Please bear with us in this process. If you are in need of Pastoral Care or would like to receive the Lord's Supper we are here to minister to you and desire to do so.

You may contact our office at (507) 345-4966.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

*To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE". Or **TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate.** Or **Mail** your offering to the church office.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *September 13, 2020 – September 20, 2020*

Sunday, September 13	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service BIC/Bible Class (Including Senior Youth) Divine Service Outdoors
Mon., Sep 14	9:30AM 5:15PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference at Peace Board of Parish Ed & Youth Divine Service Church Council
Tues., Sep. 15	6:30PM 7PM	Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study (Mt Olive Library)
Wed, Sep. 16	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes
Thurs., Sep 17	8:30AM 1PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study (Peace) M.O.M.s Bible Study (Mt Olive Social Hall)
Fri., Sep 18		
Sat, Sep 19		
Sunday, Sep 20	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion BIC/Bible Class (Including Senior Youth) Divine Service Outdoor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board for Parish Education and Youth has decided to postpone the beginning of the new Sunday School year until at least October 4th. This decision is prompted by the uncertainty expressed by a majority of the Sunday School parents in a recent survey, indicating concerns about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and by the fact that we currently don't have a sufficient number of teachers to lead the classes.

In the meantime, we would like to direct your attention to our Mt Olive home page. There you will find a link connecting you to video Sunday School lessons to share at no cost and without needing a password.

In the coming weeks, our board will strive to come up with a good plan for providing in person Sunday School for the children of our church. **We remain in need of teachers, so please give prayerful consideration to helping our children in that way. Please contact the church office with any questions or to volunteer. Thanks!**

All high school members are invited to join Ben Faugstad in the Youth Room TODAY at 9:40 to begin our New Youth Bible Class. (The Sunday School classes have been postponed until October 4, but your class is ready to go.)

House Removal: Since the old parsonage is going to be torn down this fall (estimated date starting Sept 21st) anyone with any landscaping or remodeling needs can contact trustee Juel Merseth (507-381-3975) with any questions. Some items include:

- Doors, windows, window blinds, cabinets, furnace, AC, Culligan H2O softener
- Appliances:
 - 1 white range with vent hood, white dishwasher and refrigerator
 - 1 range with range top microwave, dishwasher
- Ceiling fans, light fixtures
- Landscape concrete edging, plants, flowers
- 16'x30' concrete paver patio

Charger Challenge 2020, it's a "Giving Back" year! The past four years Mt. Olive School has been blessed by your support of our Charger Challenge fundraiser! Due to Covid-19, we are changing our event to be one of service! With the help of Thrivent Action teams, each classroom will complete a service project on September 25, 2020 in order to give thanks to God for His love and faithfulness! Some groups/organizations we are sharing encouragement with include our shut-in members, members of the armed forces, college students, Echo Food Shelf, Options for Women, the foster care system, and MORE! We appreciate your prayers and support of our students and faculty at Mt. Olive Lutheran School and pray that, God-willing, we can do our traditional Charger Challenge Fundraiser/Walk/Picnic in September 2021.

- **CALLING ALL VETERANS!** Mt. Olive students would like to write thank-you's to veterans of the armed forces as part of our Charger Challenge Servant Event on September 25, 2020. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran that would like some mail, please email the veteran's name, current address, and branch he/she served to Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com or you can call 507-382-7963. Please send by Friday, September 11, 2020. Thank you!
- **SEEKING ADDRESSES OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Is there a college student in your family? Are you a college student? Mt. Olive students want to send college students from our congregation some encouragement as part of a service project on our Charger Challenge Giving Back Day, September 25, 2020. Please email your college student's name and address to Bethany Ferkenstad at bethany.ferkenstad@blc.edu by Friday, September 11, 2020. Even if your college student lives at home, we still would like his/her information. Thank you!

MOMs Bible Study Child Care
WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN A LITTLE EXTRA CASH?

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study.

When: Thursday Mornings from 8:00-10am, September 10 – November 5

Where: Peace Lutheran Church

Responsibilities: Read bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack.

This is a paid position. Transportation can be arranged from Mt Olive if needed

*Must pass State of MN background check

Contact: Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com)

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

MVL International Student Housing

MVL is seeking housing for one of our international students. This young man will be a sophomore and has remained in the area for 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.

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.

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“SALE”

“Grab one now”



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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

Memo: 2020 Mission Support



"Moms supporting Moms in raising godly children"

Moms On a Mission Bible study (MOMs) begins the week of September 6! We are excited to offer **three** different opportunities to meet! All three groups will begin an 8-week study titled, Women of the Bible. Each week will focus on a different woman from Scripture, learning about her life and faith, and then applying those lessons to our own lives. Study materials will be provided. Please see the table below to identify which study works best for you!

When meeting indoors, masks will be required, except when eating. Some groups may try to meet outside as long as the weather permits. Facilitators will either wear a face shield, mask, or stand 12ft from the group. Children age 5 and under will not be required to wear masks, nor will the childcare workers in order to best care for them.

Moms On a Mission Bible Study exists to create a support group of Christian moms that meet together to grow in their relationships with the Lord, discuss parenting from a biblical perspective, and provide opportunity for fellowship with others in the same stage of life. M.O.M.s is for any mother, any age.

New and returning moms, please register by emailing Heidi Graham (heidijennifergraham@gmail.com) with which study you plan to most regularly attend by Monday, September 7. If planning to attend the morning session, please indicate which of your children (and their ages) will be in childcare. Thank you!

	Tuesday Evening M.O.M.s	Thursday Morning M.O.M.s	Thursday Afternoon M.O.M.s
When:	Begins September 8, 7-8:30pm, NO CHILDCARE	Begins September 10, 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10) CHILDCARE PROVIDED	Begins September 10, 1-2:30pm, NO CHILDCARE
Where:	Mt. Olive Library	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