



LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, November 20, 2016, 8:30 & 10:45am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week:

"The day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night" (1 Thess 5:1-11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matt 25:1-13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is 65:17-25).

~Opening Prayer (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 541 *Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High*

(Choir, v. 1; Cong, v. 2; Choir, v. 3; Cong, vv. 4, 8)

~Confession of Sin (p.41, form I)

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 (pp. 42-43)

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 (p. 43, form II)

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.

~Sr. Choir Anthem, "O Day Full of Grace" – arr. P. Christiansen

*O Day Full of Grace, which we behold,
Now gently to view ascending;
Thou over the earth thy reign unfold,
Good cheer to all mortals lending,
That children of light in every clime
May prove that the night is ending.*

*How blest was that gracious midnight hour,
When God in our flesh was given;
Then flushed the dawn with light and power,
That spread o'er the darkened heaven;
Then rose o'er the world that Sun divine
Which gloom from our hearts hath driven.*

*With joy we depart for your fatherland,
Where God our Father is dwelling,
Where ready for us His mansions stand,
Where heaven with praise is swelling;
And there we shall walk in endless light.*

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Nicene Creed (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 544 *Wake, Awake*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

~Sermon Theme

“What Shall We Do Until the Lord Returns?”

1. Pray that the Lord will increase His church on earth.
2. Pray that the Lord will protect His church on earth.

~Prayer

~Apostolic Benediction (p. 49)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

~Offering & Voluntary

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

** **Holy Communion:** This morning the confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~Preface (p. 50)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. **C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

~General Preface (p. 51)

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, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus (pp. 51-52)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

~Lord's Prayer (p. 53)

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 (p. 54)

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 (p. 55)

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

Hymn 542 *In Heav'n Above*

Hymn 100 vv. 1-3, 6, 7 *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

Hymn 543 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

Hymn 98 vv. 1, 4 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

~Dismissal (p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving (p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~Benediction (pp. 56-57)

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 167 v. 7 *O Joy to Know That Thou, My Friend*

~Closing Prayer (p. 57)

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.

Preacher: Pr. John J. Petersen/Liturgist: Pr. Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf/2nd: John Baumann
Sr. Choir director: Sarah Leyrer

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 294 10:45am; 167 Monday: 35

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$11,228.85

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,760

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Arden Olson (captain), Eldon Sting,
Mark Graham, Greg Costello

2nd Service: Don Lehne (captain), Mark Johnson, Aaron Heyn,
John Weber, Matthias Leyrer

Greeters: 1st Service: Ernie & Marge Lillo, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Mike & Anita Smith, Connie Long, Peggy Harstad

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 20, 2016 – November 27, 2016

Sunday November 20 Last Sunday of the Church Year	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	MOM's Bake Sale Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday November 21	6PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Fundraising Sub-committee Meeting (for the Building Committee) Divine Service Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tuesday November 22	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i>
Wednesday November 23	6:30PM	No School – Thanksgiving Break Begins Thanksgiving Eve Service (NO Sr. Choir rehearsal)
Thursday November 24	10AM 11AM	No School/Office Closed Thanksgiving Day Service Thanksgiving Meal at Mt. Olive
Friday November 25	10AM-3PM 10:15AM	No School/Office Closed Red Cross Blood Drive Service at Pathstone
Saturday November 26		
Sunday November 27 First Sunday in Advent	8:30AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Mark & Sharon Madson in memory of their fathers.

Blood Drive: Mt. Olive will be hosting a blood drive on **Friday, November 25 from 10AM – 3PM**. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate, please call **1-800-733-2767** OR you can visit their website: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code *MTOLIVEKATO*. 1 pint of blood can save 3 lives!

Calendar Correction: There will be **NO** Bible Class, Sunday School or Bible Information Class (BIC) next Sunday, **November 27.**

Monday Evening Worship Services: There will be NO Monday evening worship services November 28-December 26. Please join us for our Wednesday evening Advent services at 6:30PM on November 30, December 7 & 14, and also our Christmas Eve and Day worship services.

Thanksgiving Services: Mt. Olive invites you to our Thanksgiving services on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:30PM and Thursday, Nov. 26 at 10AM. The Thanksgiving meal will follow at 11AM (sign-up sheet is on the narthex table).

Holiday Pie Bake Sale Today! The Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study group's bake sale is **TODAY.** Fresh baked, homemade pies will be for sale just in time for your Thanksgiving celebrations. Cherry, pumpkin, pecan, and apple will be available for a free will donation. All monies collected will go towards our childcare expenses for our Spring 2017 Session.

Thai Village Mission Project: Our school chapel offerings are going to a mission in Thailand called Thai Village. (See bulletin board in the social hall) Thailand is 99% Buddhist and needs to hear about Jesus. This mission of our fellowship trains poor villagers in handicrafts. The handicrafts are sold and part of the money goes to the villagers to support their families. The rest of the profits are used to fund the church and seminary in Thailand. The villagers making the handicrafts also hear God's Word every day, and they share it with their children and neighbors in their village.

On Sunday, **Dec. 4, and Wednesday, Dec.7** there will be a display of handicrafts for sale in the narthex. Any purchases you make will support bringing the Gospel to Thailand. If you decide to make a purchase, we only have the ability to accept **cash or checks.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Beilke.

The Newest Edition of Mission News and Helping Hands is now available. Please pick up a copy from an usher today and read the latest news from our ELS Mission Fields around the world.

After School Care Request: ASC is in need of Christmas wrap, bows and other green and red ribbon for projects coming up in December. Also, if you have the game,

Dominoes that you no longer use, the kids in ASC would love it! Donations can be left in the Youth room.

Do you participate in the OfficeDEPOT OfficeMax rewards+ program? The “Trash for Cash” representative for the PTF Committee would like to hear from you. Please email Annette Feistner at: isjesusyourlord@gmail.com or text her at 712-574-5848.

Mount Olive’s Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Overflowing with gratitude for all the Lord has done for you?! Join Mt. Olive’s Evangelism Committee to help host our **5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**, serving both members of area churches and the unchurched in the community who may not have family around with which to celebrate. Here are several ways YOU can help:

- If you would like to attend, please sign-up in the church office or narthex, or call Mt. Olive’s office at 345- 4966 by **TODAY**. Consider volunteering with set-up, serving, or clean-up.
- If you cannot join us, consider volunteering to prepare food in advance. A list of needed items is located in Mt. Olive’s narthex, or ask by calling Mt. Olive at 345-4966.
- Let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity!

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10

Poinsettias: It’s that time of year again! If you would like to order a poinsettia to be displayed at church this Christmas, please sign up on the sheet on the narthex table by Monday, **December 5**. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each. Don’t forget to drop off your payment in the church office. Thank you.

Student Teacher in Need of Housing: Please consider housing a male student teacher, Aaron Markgraf, who has been assigned to Mt. Olive from MLC from January 12 through March 24 of this school year. MLC reimburses the host family for room and board during the student teaching term. If interested, please call the school office at 507-345-7927.

Holiday Lights Display in Sibley Park: Mt. Olive is once again participating in Sibley Park’s Holiday Lights display for this Christmas season. Our church will have a decorated tree on display at the park, and we need volunteers to work during the open

hours of the light display on Thursday, **December 15** from 4:40-9PM. Please sign up on the narthex table if you can help out in this way.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at 507-385-1455. *~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

Mt. Olive School Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Tiffany Riesgraf triesgraf@yahoo.com.

Bethany Lutheran College

Fine Arts Events:

Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00PM in Trinity Chapel - The Bethany Music Department presents the **Fall Semester Honors Recital**. Students enrolled in private music lessons audition for the privilege of performing in this recital. There will be selections for voice, keyboard, and instruments. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Christmas at Bethany tickets are available at blc.edu for or by calling the Fine Arts office at 344-7365. Concerts are daily at 4:00 pm in Trinity Chapel from Wed., Nov. 30 through Sun., Dec. 4, with the Concert Band playing pre-concert music starting at 3:45 pm. Tickets are free with a free will offering collected during the concert.

Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the YFAC Theater - **The Divers'** Christmas Party Concert. Free! This popular annual concert includes a Christmas carol sing-along.

The ELS Ottesen Museum invites you to its 6th annual Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 2:30 to 5:30. This year's theme is "A Norwegian-American Pioneer Christmas". Learn about how the first Norwegian settlers celebrated Christmas. Music, decorations, and food will take you back to the middle years of the 19th century. Hear from the settlers in their own words about their experiences. You can also make an authentic Norwegian Christmas ornament to take home with you. The Ottesen Museum is located at 4 Browns Ct. in Mankato, just next to the Synod offices.

Community Events/Happenings

Vine Conducting Survey On Rural Transit: Countywide public transportation is coming to rural Blue Earth, Nicollet & Le Sueur counties. Please help us shape the new transit system to best fit our community's needs by taking a short online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tricountytransit>. Have questions or need a paper copy of the survey? Contact Mike at: 507-720-5470 or mikel@vinevolunteers.com.

Join us for our Advent Worship Services at 6:30pm!

"A Beautiful Sight, Seen From A Distance"

~November 30th – Numbers 24:17 - "What Balaam Saw..."

He saw a star and a scepter, a coming great King who would protect and avenge His people.

~December 7th – Isaiah 49:6 - "What Isaiah Saw..."

He saw the coming Light of the world, who would win salvation for Gentiles too.

~December 14th – Daniel 7:13,14 - "What Daniel Saw..."

He saw the coming God/man, fully capable of saving us.

***Advent Meals are served from 5-6:15pm
in our Social Hall***

Mt. Olive Building Committee Update

On November 2 architect Bryan Paulsen met with representatives from the following specific user groups to gather valuable information and insights pertinent to the specific needs and wishes of the Mt. Olive congregation:

- Narthex
- Administration
- Education
- Facilities

In addition to arranging that four-hour meeting, Building Committee member Sally Sorensen contacted additional groups who utilize the facility for specific uses, meetings, gatherings, etc. Questionnaires were sent to representatives of the following groups:

- Band
- Kitchen
- Jesus Cares
- Junior and Senior Youth Groups
- Pioneers
- Bible Studies
- Altar Guild
- Nursery
- Lego Team

The questionnaires requested feedback on each group's:

- Space requirements
- Number of attendees
- Furniture/technology needs
- Storage needs
- Frequency of use

Completed questionnaires, along with information from the November 2nd meeting are now in the hands of the architectural team and we await word from ISG regarding their recommendations for our project.

We give thanks to God that He has blessed our congregation in allowing us to be positioned to consider a new building project. As always, we request your prayers for the committee, the architects and their work, and for our congregation that everything may be done to God's glory in a way that his pleasing to Him.