



## NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 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:**

*Lord God, heavenly Father, though You have created us for a life of eternity, we confess that by our sins we have transformed the space of time into a prelude for death. Forgive us the sins of the past, and breathe into us the Spirit of Your Son that we may serve You in this New Year. On this first day of a new year, pour into our hearts the rich measure of your grace, that we may fill the moments of the new year with enduring qualities of eternity. On this day You placed Your Son under the Law to fulfill all righteousness for us: make us Your obedient children. On this day our Lord was given His name according to your Word; may we also be known by His name. In Him we find courage to begin again. He is our Beginning and our End, our Alpha and our Omega. In Him is our hope. In Him this year and all things are made new because we are forgiven. For His sake help us to live for You and our fellowman. Amen*

**~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 159 vv. 1, 2, 5 *To the Name of Our Salvation***

**~Confession of Sin** (pp. 41-42, form II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

**C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

~Kyrie Hymn 268 v. 6 *My Sins are Countless*

**C: My sins are countless as the sands, My crimes, O God, are crying,  
Deliver me from sin's dread bands And save me, Lord, when dying;  
O let me not, for evil past, Be lost at last, Grant me Thy grace, I pray Thee!**

~Absolution (p. 43, form III)

P: Upon this your confession, come forward to the altar of the Lord and receive the declaration of the forgiveness of all your sins.

*The communicants come forward and kneel at the altar rail. During the individual absolution appropriate and worthy hymns may be sung.*

By the authority of God and of my holy office (*then, with the laying on of hands, saying to each one*) I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*In dismissing the people he shall say:*

May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Hymns during the Absolution

**Hymn 115 vv. 10-15 *Hither Come, Ye Heavy-Hearted***

**Hymn 160 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

~Gloria in Excelsis Deo (pp. 44-45)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high  
Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The  
strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall  
dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

~Salutation (p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~Collect (p. 45)

P: Let us pray: O merciful and eternal God, heavenly Father, You caused Your Son to endure circumcision and to be made subject to the law that we might be redeemed

from the curse of the law: We beseech You, grant us grace to become partakers of this redemption and thus obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### **~Old Testament Lesson**

**Joshua 24:14-18** “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” So the people answered and said: “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God *is* He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He *is* our God.”

### **~Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 2:21** And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

**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.

**~Hymn 4 *In Jesus' Name***

**~Sermon Text**

**Acts 4:8-12** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**~Sermon Theme**

***"The Name to Trust in the New Year"***

- 1. Jesus: The Name Hated by Some**
- 2. Jesus: The Name Chosen by God**
- 3. Jesus: The Only Name that Can Save Us**

**~Prayer**

**~Offering & Hymn 150 vv. 2, 4, 5 *A Little Son, the Virgin Born***

*(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.*

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**~Exhortation (pp. 52-53)**

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**~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 158 *The Ancient Law Departs***

**Hymn 155 vv. 1-3 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds***

**Hymn 143 vv. 6-9 *O Wake Our Hearts***

**Hymn 155 vv. 5-7 *Jesus, My Shepherd***

~**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.

~**Hymn of Thanksgiving 328 vv. 7, 8 *Jesus, Sun of Life***

~**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 148 vv. 7, 8 *He Serves That I A Lord May Be*

~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.

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*Preacher: Pr. John J. Petersen/Liturgist: Pr. Luke Ulrich*

*Organist: John Baumann*

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

**Sunday: 10:00am 229/143**

**Christmas Eve: 4:30pm 387 / Christmas Eve: 7:00pm 188**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$31,855.65**

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

*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.*

***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.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Steve Beilke (captain), Nate Beilke, Don Westphal,  
Eric Westphal, Elias Bonnett

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Mike Pleiss (captain), Keith Eisberg, Loren Halvorson,  
David Liverseed, Sam Hendricks

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Mark & Michelle Graham, Elson Sting, Keith Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Steve & Lois Jaeger, James & Carolyn Gates

**Offering Counters: John Foede, John Baumann**

**Altar Guild: Heidi Graham, Sharon Madson**

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 1, 2017 – January 8, 2017***

<b>Sunday</b> January 1	8:30AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> January 2	6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
<b>Tuesday</b> January 3	8AM 5:30PM 6:30PM	<b>School Resumes</b> Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i> Planned Giving Committee Meeting Jesus Cares Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b> January 4	8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Choir
<b>Thursday</b> January 5	6PM	Building Committee Meeting
<b>Friday</b> January 6	10:15AM	Pathstone Service
<b>Saturday</b> January 7	9:45AM-3:15PM	Mt. Olive Volunteers @ New2You
<b>Sunday</b> January 8	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 12PM-5PM 7:30PM	<b>Children's Choir Sings</b> Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/BIC Divine Service Social Hall Reserved Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**2017 Flower Calendar:** The 2017 Flower Calendar for the church year is now up in the entry way next to the bulletin board. Thank you for signing up to bring flowers to beautify our altar this coming year!

**Monday Evening Worship Services:** Our Monday evening worship services will resume tomorrow, January 2, 2017.

**Co-ed Volleyball Reminder:** There will be no Co-ed Recreational Volleyball today on New Year's Day.

**Poinsettias:** If you haven't yet paid for your poinsettia plant, please do so ASAP in the church office. The cost is \$9.50.

**Bethany Lutheran College** is seeking your help in identifying individuals who may be able to serve as faculty members in our new Nursing program. Bethany will welcome the first cohort into our new BSN program in the fall of 2017. To make that happen we need to hire qualified nursing faculty. More information can be found on the Bethany website: [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu). We are looking for nurses within the ELS or WELS who have at least a Master's degree in nursing. Bethany Lutheran College is committed to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Lutheran Confessions. As such, we look for individuals who fully embrace our beliefs. Teaching experience is desired but not required. Three years of clinical experience is required. Any names or ideas can be sent to the attention of Dr. Eric Woller: [eric.woller@blc.edu](mailto:eric.woller@blc.edu)

**2017 Offering Envelopes:** Your 2017 offering envelopes are available for pickup on the tables in the entry way. Let the office know if you can't find yours.

**Church Directory:** Please check the Church Membership Directory in the entry way for correct address, phone number, and email information. Mark any changes and double check with any extended family members or older children who now live away from home.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Mt. Olive is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2017 from 1 - 6pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please call [1 800 733 2767](tel:18007332767) OR visit their website [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**Kiwanis Holiday Lights:** On behalf of Kiwanis Holiday Lights, thank you once again for your help with another successful holiday season! Kiwanis Holiday Lights is making a difference each year because of all of the fantastic volunteers willing to participate.

**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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris [scrip@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Tiffany Riesgraf [triesgraf@yahoo.com](mailto:triesgraf@yahoo.com).

**The Minnesota Valley Chorale** is holding auditions for new members on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6 pm at Ylvisaker Hall on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. The Minnesota Valley Chorale is always looking for great people, from all walks of life, with good voices to share their talents and join the group.

**Charger Classic Grade School Tournament** will be held January 14 at Bethany College. The first round of games begins at 8:30. The Girls A teams will be playing in the morning with the Boys A teams beginning play at 1:30. Please check the school's website for updated information concerning the tournament. Brackets and volunteering opportunities will be posted on the Athletic page of the web site. For more information contact Mr. Zibrowski at [mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org)

### **Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School**

**Be Our Guest!** Come and watch our MVL Boys' Basketball teams take on the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds on Tuesday, **January 10** for the Mt. Olive Congregational night. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6PM followed immediately by the Varsity game at 7PM. Pick up the complimentary tickets in your church office. We are thankful for the

support and prayers your congregation shows for MVL and the opportunity to work with your students.

### **Community Events/Happenings**

**Africa Calling:** The Central Africa Medical Mission is accepting applications for Nurse-in-Charge for the Lutheran Mobile Clinic (Malawi) for a 3 year term of service. The nurse-in-charge must be an RN with clinic or hospital experience. The nurse-in-charge supervises clinic staff and maintains all clinic functions. Preferred applicants are single females due to living arrangements. The term of service will begin in November 2017. Because employment permits for Malawi take almost a year to process, candidates will be selected in early 2017. All applicants must be in good standing within WELS or ELS membership. An application may be obtained by contacting Beth Evans ([evans.bc57@yahoo.com](mailto:evans.bc57@yahoo.com)) or Linda Liesener ([cammcontact@charter.net](mailto:cammcontact@charter.net))

**Did the September flooding damage your home property or business?** If so, you may register with FEMA at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov) or call 800-621-3362. See the bulletin board for more details.

**We All Need A Plan For Our Money.** *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Cost: \$103 (Normally \$210) per family includes lifetime membership in FPU.

Sign up here: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1029454>

FPU is a nine week course. Meetings Thursdays at 6:30pm at Peace beginning February 16th. If you have any questions about this course, please feel free to contact Matt Wiechmann at [507.382.7283](tel:507.382.7283)