

EPIPHANY 3

Sunday, January 29, 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.

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41)

~Sunday School Choir, Hymn 195 “Lift High the Cross”

(Sunday School, vv. 1 & 2; **All**, vv. 3-5)

~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: Hymn 34 *Kyrie, God Father in Heav’n Above*

**Kyrie, God Father in heav’n above, Great art Thou in grace and love,
Of all things the maker and Preserver. Eleison, Eleison!**

**Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring
O Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Our Mediator at the heav’nly throne,
Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, Eleison!**

**Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;
Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison, Eleison!**

~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.

~**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: Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Your 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**

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.'"

~**Gradual Hymn 198 vv. 1, 5, 6** *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

~**Epistle Lesson**

Romans 12:6-16 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who

shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

~**Apostles' Creed** (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 200 vv. 1, 3, 5** *There Many Shall Come from the East*

~**Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

Luke 19:1-10 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods

to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

~Sermon Theme"

"The Savior Calls"

1. Jesus finds and calls people where they are.
2. His call draws them to Himself.
3. His call changes their lives.

~Prayer of the Church (pp. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and

prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~**Lord's Prayer** (p. 49)

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.

~**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 & Hymn 151 *Thou Light of Gentile Nations***

~**Collect** (pp. 57-58, form I)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have

everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. O God, grant Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Benediction** (p. 59)

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 426 v. 8 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive***

Preacher: Pr. John J. Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Sunday School Choir director: Katie Sulzle / Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 313 10:45am; 249 Monday: 24

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$7,655.74

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

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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:** Jeff Younge (captain), Aaron Younge, Tim Roemhildt,
Joseph Roemhildt, Dustin Basel

2nd Service: Mark Madson (captain), Kirk Hankins, Andy Overn,
Ian Overn, Chad Feistner

Greeters: **1st Service:** Dan & Kathy Bruss, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Dave & Katie Sulzle, Dan & Joann Maas

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 29, 2017 - February 5, 2017*

Sunday January 29	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 7:30PM	Sunday School Choir Sings Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School Divine Service Voters' Meeting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday January 30	6:30PM	Divine Service
Tuesday January 31	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i>
Wednesday February 1	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 7PM	MOM's Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study 8 th Grade Confirmation Class 7 th Grade Confirmation Class Choir
Thursday February 2	6PM	Mt. Olive Night at MVL
Friday February 3		
Saturday February 4	9:45AM-3:15PM 8-9:30AM 10AM	Mt. Olive Volunteers at New2You Men's Greasy Breakfast Christian Service Committee
Sunday February 5	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Statements: Your 2016 Giving Statements are available for you to pick up. They are located on the table in the narthex.

Applications Are Now Being Accepted for the position of part-time office manager assistant here at Mount Olive. Those interested should contact the church office.

Voter's Meeting: The Voter's meeting is TODAY, **January 29** after second service (approximately noon). One of the items discussed will be proposed amendments to the Mount Olive Church and School Constitution. Copies of the proposed amendments attached to a copy of the current Constitution are available in the narthex for review before the meeting. If you don't see any copies available, please contact Chairman David Norris at: dtnorris@gmail.com or 507-720-5161 to obtain a copy.

The January/February Edition of the Lutheran Sentinel is now available online. Read it on ELS.org.

Kindergarten Round Up has been scheduled for **Thursday, February 23** at Mt. Olive and will begin at 6:30PM. Kindergarten enrollment for next year is open to children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2017.

2017 Directory: The Mt. Olive 2017 Directory is ready for the members of our congregation. Please pick up your copy (one copy per family, please) in the narthex today.

Nominations for Synod Boards are being gathered. Please note the list of various boards and members' duties on the table in the Narthex.

School/Church Weather-Related Closings: School and church weather-related closing notices will be broadcast on radio and television stations, and also on websites such as katoinfo.com, keyc.com or ktoe.com. Mt. Olive Christian Day School follows Mankato District 77. Please check these listings for cancelations.

Volunteers needed: The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a booth at the Baby Expo on **February 18**, 2017 from 9AM to 1PM, held at the Verizon Event Center. We will be engaging the community by giving away Gospel centered books, pamphlets on our church and school and upcoming programs. If you would like to volunteer to help with this outreach event, please contact Michelle Graham: (507) 720-7258

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. 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

Thank you for all the craft donations for After School Care. We appreciate your generosity!

The Spring Session of Moms on a Mission Bible Study (M.O.M.S) begins Wednesday, February 1st! All mothers at any stage are welcome to join us as we continue to study the book Family Vocation, by Gene Veith, Jr. Bible Study begins at 8:40 and ends at 10:00am. But come as early as 8:10 and enjoy fellowship with other moms. Childcare is provided for little ones. New moms welcome to this group at any time! We will meet Wednesday mornings February through April in Mt. Olive's Social Hall. Come join us as we use God's Word to support each other in this season of raising children for Him! If you have questions or want to register contact Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com or 507-382-7963.

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](tel: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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Food Service Assistant Opening: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has a part-time position open in the food service at MVL. This position is for about 6 to 6 1/2 hours per day during the school year. Tasks include: food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Principal Tim Plath at MVL at (507) 354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Mt. Olive Night at MVL has been rescheduled for this Thursday, **February 2**. You can use the tickets you already picked up or there are more tickets available in the church office. Come and watch the boys' basketball teams take on the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds. JV starts at 6PM followed by the Varsity game at 7PM. The Dance Team and Pep Band will also perform.

Bethany Lutheran College

Tickets for BLC's winter musical *The Music Man* are available at theatre.blc.edu or at 344-7374 weekdays between 1-5 pm. Performances are Feb. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm and matinees on Feb 5 and 11 at 2 pm. \$10 for all ages. Plan ahead, tickets will go fast!

Presentation at BLC: "Allie's Story" Allie Lyo is from China and is currently a student at BLC. She will be sharing stories about her life and what led her to come to the USA. Learn about ways that you can make eternal friendships with people in China!

Place: Bethany Lutheran College - Honsey Hall Room 129

Date: Monday, January 30, 2017

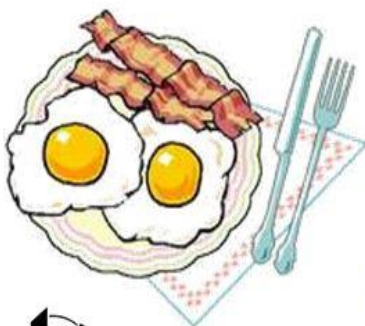
Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Events/Happenings

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

Children & Technology: To Dads and Moms with children in a technological world. Speakers will be addressing the good, bad, and ugly of technology for us and our children during the Wednesdays of February. This will occur at St. Paul's in the fireside room from 5:45 – 7. Suppers are served at 5 on Wednesdays in the same spot. Please, come, starting February 1st.



Men's Greasy Breakfast!

When: Saturday, February 4th, from 8am to 9:30am

Where: Mount Olive Fellowship Hall

What: Come and enjoy Breakfast as we have a study and discussion on the topic of *"Spiritual Leaders Seeking to Protect Their Families: Considering Our Children's Education"*

Who: Special Guest Speaker—**Rev. Timothy Hartwig** from Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato, MN

For Whom: All Men ages 16-106 are welcome!

Cost: Free! *Please Just Come & Enjoy—Invite Friends & Family!*

PLEASE SIGN UP! (You may also call the Mt. Olive Office so we can prepare accordingly...)
