



EASTER 2

Sunday, April 23, 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:

"There are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood." (1 Jn 5:4-10) These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands and the side from which blood and water flowed, saying "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:19-31) His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life. (Ezek 37:1-14) Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)

~Hymn 366 vv 1-3 *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

~Boys Choir “*The Lord is My Light*” Walker
(Refrain: All)

*Refrain: The Lord is my Light,
The Lord is my Help,
The Lord is my Salvation.*

~Hymn 361 *Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven*
(vv. 1-3 Boys Choir; v. 4-6 All)

~Girls Choir “*Alleluia, Christ is Risen*” Stuttgart / arr. James Kirkby

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim, for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav’nly grace, rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of Thy face.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia! To the Savior who has gained the victory.

~Collect

P: Let us pray: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord’s resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Girls Choir – “*Easter Carol*” Arlen Clark

*Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Jesus is risen from the dead, alleluia.
Christ is arisen from the grave, , alleluia.*

*We shall not die but live,
And declare the works of the Lord.
This is the day of the Lord
We will rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!*

~Hymn 345 vv. 1-2 "*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*"

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 John 5:4-12 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

~**Gospel Lesson**

John 20:19-31 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may

believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

~**Affirmation of Baptism of Lainey Mae DeBlois** *(2nd service)*

~**Apostles' Creed** (pp. 68-69)

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 366 vv. 4-8** *"That Night th'Apostles Met In Fear"*

~**Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text**

Job 19:25-27 For I know that my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
That in my flesh I shall see God,
Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

~**Sermon**

"What Comfort and Peace We Have in Knowing Our Redeemer Lives"

~**Offering & Hymn 73** *Thine Is the Glory*

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~Te Deum Laudamus (pp. 114-116)

C: ♪ We praise You, O God: we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein; to You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise You. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You. The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You: The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and only Son; also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

You are the King of Glory, O Christ. You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man. You humbled Yourself to be born of a Virgin. When You had overcome the sharpness of death, You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that You will come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray You, help Your servants, whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify You. And we worship Your name now and evermore.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

~Kyrie (pp. 116-117)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 117)

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.

~Collect (pp. 118-119, form II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction (p. 119)

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

C: ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 483 v 7 *Who Knows When Death May Overtake Me*

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: John Baumann

Boys Choir: Director: Mr. Larry Rude, Accompanist: John Baumann

Girls Choir: Director: Donna Fosburgh, Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh & Lois Johnson

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Palm Sunday: 8:30am; 289 10:45am 302

Maundy Thursday: 276/241; Good Friday: 288/228

Easter Sunday: 7:00am 301 10:45am 312/202

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$17,170.56

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

Psalm 116:12 What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me?

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: Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz, Seth Tweit, John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: David Munsen (captain), Matthew Munsen, Dan Maas, Just Maas, Craig Christensen

Greeters: 1st Service: Ernie & Marge Lillo, Don & Beth Westphal

2nd Service: Robert & Ruth Heidenreich, James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Carol Leiferman & Sharon Madson

WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 23, 2017—April 30, 2017

Sunday April 23	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 24	6:30PM 7:30PM	7th Grade Charger for a day at MVL Divine Service Evangelism Committee
Tuesday April 25	8AM	Women's Bible Study – Book of Genesis
Wednesday April 26	8:05AM 8AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 6:30PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bibles Study Bible Study – Table of Duties 8th Grade Confirmation 7th Grade Confirmation PTF Large Group Meeting
Thursday April 27	7PM	Public Confirmation Examination
Friday April 28	10:15AM	Pathstone
Saturday April 29	9AM	Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
Confirmation Sunday April 30	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class Confirmation Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers at the altar today are given to God's glory by Ron Koth.

Affirmation of Baptism today during 2nd Service: Lainey May DeBlois, infant daughter of Ryan & Kourtney (Petersen) DeBlois, was born February 17, 2017, at Mayo Health Systems, Mankato and was baptized by Pastor Ulrich on March 24, 2017. Her sponsors are Kyle & Christine Petersen and Tyler DeBlois. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

Easter Flowers: Many thanks to those who purchased flowers to beautify our altar today! If you have not yet paid for them, please stop in the office and Wendy or Annette will be happy to help you. You are welcome to take your flowers home today.

Teacher Call Update: Mr. Eric Paulsen has returned our call to teach at Mt. Olive. Please keep our School in your prayers as our Board of Education continues to make preparations for the next school year.

Summer Housing Needed A male Bethany student is in need of a place to live during the upcoming summer months. If you have a room available, within walking distance of the campus, contact Chaplain Don Moldstad (344-7312).

Scarville Lutheran Church is once again hosting the Children's Olympics, scheduled for Saturday, May 6, starting at 8:00 AM. For more information, please contact the church office. Registration is due **May 1**.

Fun Days Parade: Mt. Olive will be participating in the Fun Days Parade on July 08, 2017. We would like for all of our parade walkers /riders to wear a Mt. Olive shirt. If you haven't walked with us before or if you or your child needs a new Mt. Olive t-shirt, there are order forms located on the table in the Narthex. Please return the completed order forms to the youth room by **April 26, 2017**. Thank you!

Lutheran Youth Association: The registration fee for this year's Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 27-30, 2017 is \$250, **due on or before May 1**. However, for first time registrants, \$50 is refunded to your credit card after we verify that this is your first time attending. Registration fees increase by \$50 beginning May 2. The convention's theme is "Saved Through Water". Go to: <http://els.org/lya17/> to register. More information to come regarding the bus to get us there and fundraisers, etc. Any questions? Talk to or email Jeremy or Angela Merseth: #541-245-7465 or ammerseth@gmail.com

Our Monday Evening Services resume **tomorrow, April 24**, at 6:30 PM.

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.

New 2 You

New 2 You Q2 disbursements approved. \$9,000 to MVL and \$600 to each of the member churches. Thank you to everyone for providing great donations, shopping the store or volunteering your time. With your support we can continue to provide for Christian education.

Accounting/Bookkeeping Duties at New 2 You requires approximately 10 hours per month and experience with Quickbooks. The person is responsible for running payroll for 3 people and providing financial statements to the board. Contact Brenda Spangenberg at New 2 You for more information or to apply.

Store employee needed at New 2 You for 15-20 hrs. per week. Candidate must be able to lift heavy objects and be on your feet for several hours. Contact Brenda Spangenberg at New 2 You for more information or to apply.

MVL

Anne of Green Gables: Follow Anne through her rebellious years, her transformation into a young woman, and her romantic pairing with Gilbert. Visit Green Gables on the MVL stage **May 5** at 7:00 PM and **May 6** at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Contact MVL (507.354.6851) for more information and tickets.

Bethany Lutheran College

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for an Executive Assistant to the President with a June 19, 2017, start date. A position description & application instructions are at <https://www.blc.edu/employment>

Bethany Girl's Basketball Camp Grades 1-8 A pamphlet from Bethany Lutheran College for the Girls in grades 1-8 is available on the table in the narthex. These same pamphlets were given to the girls enrolled at Mt Olive. Bethany Women's Basketball coaches are trying a new basketball camp format for this year. Participants will be working on Offensive fundamentals which includes shooting, ball handling, dribbling, and individual moves. They will also be working on Defensive fundamentals as well.

Bethany theatre department presents *Tell It to the Wind: Folk Tales of the World*, a world premiere written and directed by Benji Inniger. Inspired by captivating tales

from Russian, Chinese, South African, Venezuelan, Japanese, Indian, Mexican, and Native American cultures, *Tell It To The Wind* is a family-friendly exploration of storytelling throughout magical worlds, featuring memorable characters, live music, dance, and puppetry. Performance dates and times are a matinee at 2PM **today** and Friday and Saturday, **April 28-29** at 7:30PM. Matinee attendees without tickets may arrive as early as 1PM. Otherwise, the box office is open M-F from 1-5 PM at 507-344-7374 or at theatre.blc.edu. All tickets are \$10.

Bethany Music Department presents the Spring Semester Honors Recital in Trinity Chapel at 7:00PM **Tuesday, April 25**. There will be selections for voice, keyboard, and instruments. Free. **Sunday, April 30** at 7PM in Trinity Chapel the Bethany Jazz Band and String Band perform a joint concert.

Community

Mankato Area Youth Winds Ensemble presents *Hands Across the Sea*, conducted by Dr. Amy K. Roisum Foley and guest conductor Sam Khwice, on **Saturday, April 29** at 3PM at Trinity Chapel. Tickets are \$10 per person or 4 for \$30.



As we prepare to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we will be including in our weekly bulletins a brief section taken from the Lutheran Confessions. The Lutheran Confessions, found in the Book of Concord, identified and summarized the Biblical beliefs of the Lutheran church and distinguished it from other churches. Since these writings are drawn from the source and norm of our beliefs, that is, they are drawn from God's unchanging Word found in Holy Scripture, we continue to profess these teachings as our own. We encourage you read and prayerfully consider these important teachings of our church.

The message of the Lutheran fathers has always been clear and consistent: We are not saved through any works or efforts of our own, but only by God's grace (Sola Gratia) through faith (Sola Fide) given through Scripture (Sola Scriptura).

FORMULA OF CONCORD, EPITOME III. [THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH BEFORE GOD] Accordingly we believe, teach, and confess that our righteousness before God consists in this, that God forgives us our sins purely by his grace, without any preceding, present, or subsequent work, merit, or worthiness, and reckons to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience, on account of which righteousness we are accepted by God into grace and are regarded as righteous. We believe, teach, and confess that faith is the only means and instrument whereby we accept Christ and in Christ obtain the "righteousness which avails before God," and that for Christ's sake such faith is reckoned for righteousness (Rom. 4:5). We believe, teach, and confess that this faith is not a mere knowledge of the stories about Christ, but the kind of gift of God by which in the Word of the Gospel we recognize Christ aright as our redeemer and trust in him, so that solely because of his obedience, by grace, we have forgiveness of sins, are regarded as holy and righteous by God the Father, and shall be saved eternally.