



EASTER 3 / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 30, 2017, 8:30am & 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:

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. (Jn 10:11-16) He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them. (Ezek 34:11-16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your souls in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23) "For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)

~Hymn 3 Come Let Us with Our Lord Arise

~Confession of Sin (p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake

grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** (pp. 109-110)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

~**Psalmody, Hymn 371 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want***

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Ezekiel 34:11-16 'For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

~**Hymn 345 v. 2 *For the Sheep the Lamb Hath Bled***

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Peter 2:21-25 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges

righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

~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 368 vv. 2, 4, 6 *A Tender Shepherd Leads His Sheep*

~Holy Gospel and Sermon Text

John 10:1-10 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

~Sermon

“Who Will Be Your Shepherd?”

1. Recognize and avoid the false shepherds in the world.
2. Recognize and stay near Jesus, the truly Good Shepherd.

~Offering and Hymn

Hymn 363 *Thou Art the Way* (1st Service)

Hymn 514 *Our Lord and God, O Bless This Day* (2nd Service)

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~Rite of Confirmation (2nd Service)

Exhortation and Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Confirmation Vows

Blessing and Announcement of Confirmation Passage

Welcome and Benediction

Confirmation Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 191, “Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying”

vv. 1-3 sung by the Confirmands

v. 4 All

~Prayers

~Kyrie (pp. 116-117) (1st Service)

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

~Lord's Prayer (p. 117) (1st Service)

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 377 vv. 7-8 *Lord, My Shepherd, Take Me to Thee*

Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: John Baumann

8th Grade Choir Director: Larry Rude / Accompanist: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 271 10:45am; 253 Monday: 16

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$9,914.55

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

2 Corinthians 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

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:** Tom Bode (captain), Eli Bode, John Schauer,
Alex Schauer, John Pfeffer

2nd Service: Chris Kind (captain), Larry Rude, Dale Schaffer,
Izayah Harrision, Luke Buelow

Greeters: **1st Service:** Dean & Cathy Kluge, Scott & Theresa Dzwonkowski

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger, Mark & Vivian Smith

Offering Counters: Andy Overn, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Ellie Fisher, LuAnn Sting

WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 30, 2017—May 6, 2017

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
Monday May 1	6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	7th Grade Charger for a day at MVL Divine Service Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday May 2	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – Book of Genesis Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday May 3	8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study – Table of Duties 8th Grade Confirmation 7th Grade Confirmation
Thursday May 4		
Friday May 5		
Saturday May 6	9AM	Christian Service Committee Meeting
Sunday May 7	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers at the altar today are given to God's glory by the parents of the confirmands.

Teacher Call Update: Special Voters' Meeting will be held May 7 after the 10:45AM service to extend a teaching call to the upper grades. All voters are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Many thanks to all who participated in our annual spring clean up day last Saturday. We had many volunteers and a lot was accomplished. Thanks again!

Nanny Needed: Kevin & Cheryl Chapman, a Mount Olive family, seeks a Lutheran nanny for 3-4 days a week during the school year, approximately 26-32 hours a week. Salary is negotiable. Ideal for a mom of school age kids who is looking for some extra income—maximum flexibility for sick kids and school field trips. Mostly fun play and education time with our three year old and one year old girls. Former nannies that you can visit with as our references. References and background check required. Contact the Chapmans for more information, call or text 979-703-2136 or 972-849-8899.

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).

Softball Umpires needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran Grade School sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, May 16 at Caswell Park. Games begin at 9:00, so umps will need to report by 8:45. The tournament usually gets done around 3:30. We are looking for volunteers (or paid individuals) for umping. Umps do not need to worry about balls and strikes, since they just call the bases. Each batter gets 4 pitches to attempt to get a hit. Batters may still strike out. Umps will need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out on this day (all day or partial), please contact Mr. Zibrowski by calling the school office at 345- 7927 or emailing Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org.

Veterans: The Mount Olive Veterans Bible study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at the Mankato Veterans Townhomes (710 Raintree Road, Room C), across from River Hills Mall. Bible study is at 9AM – 10AM. All veterans are welcome. Contact Herman Harstad at 385-0796 for more information.

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**.

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 hours 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

Job Opening: 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 (and sent home with the girls enrolled at Mt Olive). Participants work on Offensive fundamentals, including shooting, ball handling, dribbling, and individual moves. They will also be working on Defensive fundamentals as well.

Final video projects from the graduating Media Arts seniors Tuesday, **May 2** at 7PM in Honsey Hall 129.

Piano recital by students of Dr. Bethel Balge, Brittany Moldstad and Sarah Wei, Sunday, **May 7** at 3PM in Trinity Chapel.



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.

Good works do not merit salvation, neither do they deserve our boasting. Good works flow out from a faith which believes in Christ alone for salvation.

SMALCALD ARTICLES, III, XIII. [HOW MAN IS JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD, AND HIS GOOD WORKS] I do not know how I can change what I have heretofore constantly taught on this subject, namely, that by faith (as St. Peter says) we get a new and clean heart and that God will and does account us altogether righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our mediator. Although the sin in our flesh has not been completely removed or eradicated, he will not count or consider it. Good works follow such faith, renewal, and forgiveness. Whatever is still sinful or imperfect in these works will not be reckoned as sin or defect for the sake of the same Christ. The whole man, in respect both of his person and of his works, shall be accounted and shall be righteous and holy through the pure grace and mercy which have been poured out upon us so abundantly in Christ. Accordingly we cannot boast of the great merit in our works if they are considered apart from God's grace and mercy, but, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:31). That is to say, all is well if we boast that we have a gracious God. To this we must add that if good works do not follow, our faith is false and not true.