



## REFORMATION

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

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. 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 Festival of Reformation is celebrated to commemorate Luther's nailing the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. This event is considered to be the start of the Reformation. As we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation we are directing our glorifying and praise to God. We are not glorifying Luther or the Lutheran Church or any branch of the Lutheran Church. Our purpose is to thank and praise God for directing His people back to the clear teachings of His Word, which proclaims His free grace handed to us through the work of Christ alone. The V.D.M.A. around the cross above stands for "Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum"—a Latin phrase commonly used by the early Lutherans, meaning "The Word of the Lord Stands Forever." This theme emphasized the Lutheran's trust and reliance upon the Word of God.*

**~Hymn 2 v. 1 *Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord***

**~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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

*Hymn 250 vv. 1, 2*

*Hymn 251 vv. 3, 4*

**~Old Testament Lesson**

**2 Chronicles 29:12, 15-19** Then these Levites arose ... And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord. Then the priests went into

the inner part of the house of the Lord to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the Lord to the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron. Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the Lord. So they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles. Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the Lord."

~Choral Responsory: *Kyrie, God Father in Heav'n Above*, arr. J. Weber

~Gospel Lesson

**Matthew 11:12-15** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

~Choral Responsory: *Now Thank We All Our God*

~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 226 vv. 1-2, 4-5, 8, 10 *By Grace I'm Saved*

## ~Epistle Lesson and Sermon Text

**Romans 3:19-28** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood. He did this to demonstrate His justice, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--He did it to demonstrate His justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

~**Sermon Theme: *Five Hundred Years of Answering: How Does God Feel About You?***

## ~Offering & Hymn 589 **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word**

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. Instead, we ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.)*

## ~Prayers

~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 580 *Almighty Father, Bless the Word***

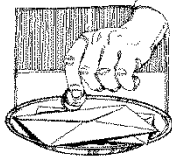
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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Elisabeth Urtel*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am; 214 10:45am; 153 Monday: 35**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$8,084.01**



**A TIME FOR  
GIVING**

***NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,790***

*Psalm 116:12-13 What shall I render to the Lord / For all His benefits toward me? / I will take up the cup of salvation, / And call upon the name of the Lord.*

***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 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Arden Olson (captain), Mark Graham, Greg Costello

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Don Lehne (captain), Mark Johnson, Michael Torres, Matthias Leyrer

**Greeters: 1<sup>st</sup> Service** – Don & Beth Westphal, Ron & Mary Younge

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service** – Mark & Vivian Smith, James & Carolyn Gates

**Offering Counters:** Ron Younge, Jeff Younge

**Altar Guild:** Joni Bode, Elli Fisher

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *October 29, 2017—November 5, 2017***

<p><b>Sunday</b> October 29</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM <b>3PM</b> 7:30PM</p>	<p><b>Senior Choir Sings</b> Divine Service Sunday School / <b>Bible Information Class</b> Bible Study – Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture Divine Service <b>Children’s Reformation Service</b> Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> October 30</p>	<p>6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Divine Service Board of Stewardship</p>
<p><b>Tue. Oct. 31</b></p>	<p>8AM</p>	<p>Women’s Bible Study - Genesis</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> November 1</p>	<p>7:45AM 8:05AM NO 1PM 4PM 7PM 8PM</p>	<p>-1:30PM Scholastic Book Fair in CDS Library CDS Grandparents’ Day begins with Chapel Bible Study &amp; No MOMs &amp; No Youth Choir CDS students have an early dismissal Confirmation Senior Choir Men’s Choral</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> November 2</p>	<p>2:30PM 2:35PM 7PM</p>	<p>Parent-Teacher Conferences begin -8PM Scholastic Book Fair in CDS Library Bible Study - Galatians</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> November 3</p>	<p>10:45AM 7PM</p>	<p>No CDS classes—Parent-Teacher Conferences -Noon Scholastic Book Fair in CDS Library MVL Fall Play, New Ulm, MN</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> November 4</p>	<p>9:45AM 2PM 6PM 7PM</p>	<p>New 2 You Volunteers MVL Fall Play, New Ulm, MN Evangelism Committee hosts their Fall Festival MVL Fall Play, New Ulm, MN <b>Turn Back Your Clocks</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> November 5</p>	<p>2AM 8:30AM 9:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 1PM 4PM 7:30PM</p>	<p><b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Scholastic Book Fair in CDS Library Bible Class/SS/BIC/MVL Wreath Sale Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Bethany Jazz Band Gig Co-ed Rec VB</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by the Stankey family in memory of Al Stankey.

**On the narthex table are extra copies** of the Charger Challenge Winners note, Mt. Olive Robotics LEGO League Chipotle fundraiser flyer, *Planned Giving* brochure, *Perpetuating Our Giving!*, and the *Planned Giving Guide*; Mt. Olive Building Project Overview (dated 9/27/17), Building On Our Mission packets, *The Cross-stitch Corner* (issue 4.4), *Thoughts of Faith* (Oct. 2017), and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for *Lutheran Pioneers* 2017-18 schedule & enrollment, and *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes*; **signup sheets** for New 2 You volunteers; the **November edition** of *The Olive Press*; and a stack of **MVL memorial envelopes**.

**Pastor Petersen's Bible Information Class** resumes **TODAY** between services. Those interested in learning more about our Christian faith are invited and encouraged to join Pastor Petersen in the Fireside Room at 9:40, between services. Grab a cup of coffee and a pastry and join us!

**Children's Reformation Service:** **TODAY** at 3:00 PM, in the Mt. Olive Sanctuary, the Mt. Olive Lutheran School Children, along with the Youth Choirs of Mt. Olive & Peace Lutheran Church, participate in a joint Children's Reformation Service of Peace Lutheran Church & Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. All four pastors of Mt. Olive & Peace participate in this special service that reviews the chief parts of Luther's Small Catechism. We are expecting full participation from our Mt. Olive Students. All are invited to join us for this special event & to join us after the service for a special Fellowship Hour with refreshments hosted by the PTF. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade hosts their annual Bake Sale after the service to raise funds for their overnight field trip to the Minnesota Zoo!

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Tickets are now available** online at [www.bachsocietymn.org](http://www.bachsocietymn.org) for the J. S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, in BLC'S Trinity Chapel on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 PM performed by the Bach Society of Minnesota and the Lyra Baroque Orchestra (Cantatas I, III, V and VI). Tickets are \$25 regular, \$20 seniors, \$5 students.

**Gospel Outreach With Media** (GOWM) online conference opens to the public on October 23, welcoming active discussion for three weeks until November 13. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference is sponsored by the Christ in Media Institute at Bethany Lutheran College. Two dozen experts explore how technology can be used to reach out with the gospel in the U.S. and around the world. Anyone interested in the topics is invited to participate. Registration is not required and it's free - go online to [www.gowm.org](http://www.gowm.org).