



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 5, 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 church has observed the Feast of All Saints since the mid 300s AD. On this specially appointed day, the church recalls the memory of all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. Though we recall the saints who have departed from the troubles of this life--a life of difficulty and hardship described by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:1-12)--it is not a day of sorrow or sadness, but rather a day of joy and celebration. We celebrate the fact that those who have departed in the faith are living and even now communing with us around the throne of the Lamb. Though we may mourn and miss those who have departed, we rejoice in knowing that they are enjoying the feast of Heaven (Is 25:6-9) and that we too will join them there; for we too are saints because of the salvation shared with us through the work of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 7:10).

I. *The Service of Preparation*

~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 554 vv. 1-3 *For All the Saints*

~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 (pp. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~Absolution (p. 43, form I)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. 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: O almighty God, You have knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son, Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which You have prepared for those who truly love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

II. The Service of the Word

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9 And in this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken. And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

~Four or More: God to Us Did Promise

Johnson

God to us did promise,

Ever to abide,

Guard our souls and keep us

Ever at His side.

He surrounds His children,

Holds them in His arms,

Shelters, keeps, protects them,

Shielding them from harm.

All who trust the Father and adore His name,

In His arms forever,

Safely will remain.

~Epistle Lesson

Revelation 7:13-17 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

~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 472 vv. 3-5 *Jesus for My Sake Descended*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 5:1-12 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

~Sermon Theme: *Christ's Encouragement to His Saints*

~Prayer

~Offering & Hymn 40 v. 2 *Now Let Us to the Lord Lift Up Our Hearts*

*(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.)*

III. *The Service of Holy Communion*

** **Holy Communion:** The Bible teaches that in this Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood with the bread and wine. Here, Jesus gives His people what they need most of all: forgiveness of sins. **Guests & Visitors:** We understand that by coming forward and taking communion, you are professing a unity of faith with this congregation and that you are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of our church. If you are unsure of the teachings of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please talk with a pastor before communing. Thank You.*

~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 553 vv. 1-2 *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*

Hymn 70 *I See Thee Standing, Lamb of God*

Hymn 553 v. 3 *Then Hail! Ye Mighty Legions, Yea*

Hymn 590 *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

Hymn 325 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

~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.

~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 69 vv. 7, 9 *The God Abraham Praise*

~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.

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 257 10:45am; 154 3:00pm; 520 Monday: 15
GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$16,993.01



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

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "donate on line."

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.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Steve Beilke (captain), Nate Beilke, Don Westphal, Eric Westphal

2nd Service: Mike Pleiss (captain), Keith Eisberg, Loren Halvorson, David Liverseed,
Sam Hendricks

Greeters: 1st Service – Dean & Cathy Kluge, Lois Otto, Keith Anderson

2nd Service – Mike & Anita Smith, Connie Long, Peggy Harstad

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 5, 2017—November 12, 2017

<p>Sunday November 5</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 1PM 4PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Four or More Sings 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 Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p>Monday November 6</p>	<p>5PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM 7PM 8PM</p>	<p>-9PM Chipotle LEGO League Fundraiser Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons Witnessing to Muslims, In Depth Series, Meyer, Room 101 From Agnosticism to the Pulpit, BLC, Sports & Fitness Room</p>
<p>Tuesday November 7</p>	<p>8AM 6:30</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study – Genesis Jesus Cares Ministry</p>
<p>Wednesday November 8</p>	<p>8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM 7PM 8PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel MOMs Bible Study Veterans' Day Program, MVL, New Ulm Bible Study Youth Choir Confirmation Senior Choir Men's Choral</p>
<p>Thurs. Nov. 9</p>	<p>7PM</p>	<p>Bible Study - Galatians</p>
<p>Friday November 10</p>	<p>7:30PM</p>	<p>No morning busing for CDS Women of Troy, BLC, YFAC</p>
<p>Saturday November 11</p>	<p>7:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Veterans' Day Women of Troy, BLC, YFAC Minn. Valley Chorale Concert, BLC Trinity Chapel</p>
<p>Sunday November 12</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 2PM 5PM 6PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Youth Choir Sings Divine Service New Member Welcome / Sunday School MVL Wreath Sale Divine Service Women of Troy, BLC, YFAC Lutheran Pioneers Artemis League Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by the Veterans' Bible Group.

Please avoid BLOCKING our neighbors' driveways when parking on the street for worship services or other events here at church. Thanks!

On the narthex table are extra copies of Mt. Olive Robotics LEGO League Chipotle fundraiser flyer, *Planned Giving* brochure, *Perpetuating Our Giving!*; 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), *Walking the Old Paths*, Fall Festival flyers, and the Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Informational Meeting packet, and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for *7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes*; **signup sheets** for ordering poinsettias and for volunteering at New 2 You; the **November edition** of *The Olive Press*; and a stack of **MVL memorial envelopes**.

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

We thank those who have served and are serving our country. The hour-long Veterans' Day program in the MVL gym begins at 9:00 AM on November 8. Veterans and their guests are invited to a breakfast before the program. Contact Kristin Matzke, 507.233.8662 or kmatzke@mvlhs.org, for more information and to register. The public is welcome to the program.

Evening Bible Study—Galatians: Pr. Ted Gullixson is leading an evening Bible Study through the book of Galatians. This group meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to join!

Coffee & Donut Volunteers: We are looking for more volunteers willing to make coffee before our services and pick up donuts/treats and bring them for our Bible Study time. If you would like to volunteer in this way, please go to the Mount Olive website and click on the *Coffee Servers Sign Up* link at the bottom. If you have questions, contact Sam Barbosa (sambarbosa3@gmail.com or 507-382-4928). We also extend our thanks to the Barbosas & those who have provided coffee and treats in the past year!

Thank You from the fourth grade students and families (and their teacher!) to ALL who participated in our Bake Sale last Sunday after the Children's Reformation Service.

We raised over \$600 to put towards our overnight trip to the MN Zoo (in the spring)! This a favorite field trip; many thanks for helping to make it possible for us to go!

After School Care is in need of empty, **washed soup cans** (with or without labels) for an upcoming project. Please leave your donations in the youth room. Thank you!

The PTF seeks donations of **leftover Halloween candy** for the **Christmas treat bags**. Drop off your extra candy in the designated box on Annette's desk in the office. Thanks!

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church youth activities. 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.

Ambassadors: What can we do in our daily lives, at the church, and with our families to promote the wonderful news of salvation? It's easier than you think, and you may already be doing it, but we are gathering in fellowship to encourage, train, and have fun together in proclaiming the Gospel. Join us on Saturday, November 18, at 9:00 – 10:00 AM in the social hall.

Overflowing with gratitude for all the Lord has done for you?! Join Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee to **help host our 6th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**, Thanksgiving Day at 11:15 AM, serving both members of area churches and the unchurched in the community who may not have family with whom to celebrate. Here are several ways YOU can help:

- If you would like **to attend**, sign up at the narthex table, or call Mt. Olive's office (507-345-4966) by Sunday, November 19.
- Consider **volunteering** with set-up, serving, or clean-up.
- If you cannot join us, consider volunteering to **prepare food** in advance. A **list of needed items** is located in Mt. Olive's narthex, or ask by calling the office.
- Let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity!

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

December 20 is available to any group who would like to **serve a meal before our Wednesday Advent service**. Meals are served from 5:00 - 6:15 PM. Call the church office (507-345-4966) to reserve it.

Lasso a great book at our Scholastic Wild West Book Fair! Check out all the great books. All profits are used to purchase more books for our school library. Today's hours are 9:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

Altar Guild meets Monday, November 13, at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. **Current and prospective members** are encouraged to attend. We review the Altar Guild Handbook, plan for Christmas decorating, and make a schedule for 2018. New members are welcome!

To purchase a poinsettia to help beautify our sanctuary during the upcoming Christmas season, sign up in the narthex. Cost per plant is \$9.50. Checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church may be left on the **church** secretary's desk. On the sign up sheet, indicate how many plants you would like to purchase and if they are in honor or in memory of someone. The last day to order a poinsettia is Sunday, December 3.

Bethany Lutheran College

Witnessing to Muslims: Rev. Michael Duncan speaks on witnessing to Muslims, Monday, November 6, at 7:00 PM Meyer Hall room 101. Everyone is invited to attend. Part of the In Depth series.

From Agnosticism to the Pulpit: Rev. David Thompson speaks on how apologetics was used to bring him out of agnosticism. He speaks to the Bethany Christian Athletes on Monday, November 6, at 8:00 PM in the Sports and Fitness classroom. All are invited to attend.

Tickets are now available online at 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 3rd 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.

Mankato Chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary meets Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 PM in Meyer Hall on the campus. The topic presented by Becky DeGarmeaux is *Bethany Ladies' College*. Regarding the program, Mrs. DeGarmeaux writes, "Before there was a Bethany Lutheran College, there was Bethany Ladies College. The college was the dream of a pastor with big ideas that was meant to help develop young ladies into Mary's who heard God's Word and Martha's who lived it." Anyone interested in this lesser-known portion of Bethany's history is welcome to attend. Following the program, members of the auxiliary chapter conduct their business meeting. We hope you can join us!

The Women of Troy is an ancient Greek drama with deep contemporary ties that focuses on the women and children that are left behind after a brutal war. These captive women, royalty and commoners alike, await their fates at the hands of Greek conquerors after the invasion and destruction of their homes. *The Women of Troy*, **newly translated from Euripides' Greek original by Jacob Kempfert**, is adapted by Benji Inniger and Jacob Kempfert, and directed by Benji Inniger. Tickets are available at theatre.blc.edu and at Bethany box office at 507-344-7374 weekdays, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Performances are November 10-11 & 17-18 at 7:00 PM and a matinee on Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 PM.

Join the Minnesota Valley Chorale for a "European Tour" highlighting the works of composers like Durante, Handel, and Mozart. Concerts Friday, November 10, 7:00 PM at Nicollet School (Nicollet) and Saturday, November 11, at 7:00 PM at BLC's Trinity Chapel. *Pre-sale tickets are \$10* per person and can be purchased through any MVC member. Tickets are available *at the door for \$12*.

CAUSE AN EFFECT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Mt. Olive Robotics Lego League -FLL. Come in to the Chipotle at **1851 East Madison Ave. Ste 100** in Mankato on **Monday, November 6th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Mt. Olive Robotics Lego League - FLL.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember our dear friends...

*Louise Rieger
Rudy Honsey
Laura Lillegard
Mildred Gullixson*

Blessed be their memory!

