



The Lord is Risen!

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

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**Easter Sunrise Service
April 1, 2018 - 7:30AM**

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping 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, Matins (p. 109)

~Prelude

~Hymn 352 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
(vv. 1-2, All; v. 3, Choir; v. 4, All stand to sing)

~Versicles and Gloria Patri (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 32, vv. 1, 2, 4 *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-15 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was

marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; so shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider.

~**Responsory: Choir - *But Thanks Be To God*** (from *Messiah*), G. F. Handel
But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:57)

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Corinthians 15:12-21 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

~**Responsory: Choir - *Alleluia*** (from *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden*, BWV 230), J.S. Bach
For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117:2)

~**Apostles' Creed**

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 351, vv. 1, 2, 7 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

~Exordium

~Exordium Hymn 348 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

~Sermon Theme

"A Heartfelt Morning"

- 1. Hearts numb with grief*
- 2. Hearts frozen in fear*
- 3. Hearts filled with joy*

~Offering and Voluntary

~Hymn 343 *Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

(v. 1, Choir; v. 4, All; v. 5, Choir; vv. 6-7, All)

~Kyrie Eleison (pp. 116-117) Lord, Have Mercy

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.

~Prayers

~Collect (p. 155) Congregation's Prayer

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You delivered Your Son for our offenses, and raised Him again for our justification: We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will; graciously keep us in the true faith, defend us from all our sins, and after this life raise us to eternal life; through the same, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 119) Call for Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction (p. 119) Final Blessing for God's People

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.

~Closing Hymn 354, vv. 1, 2, 10 *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

~Postlude

Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: Cassie Johnson / Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel
Accompanist: Daniel Neubauer

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 335; 10:45am, 214

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$19,032.16

Online: \$3881.51

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 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Ross Hermanson (captain),
Craig Brown, Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge

2nd Service: Jim Gates, Scott Dzwonkowski,
Dennis Soule, Kent Waletski

Greeters: 1st Service: Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Lois Otto

2nd Service: Mike & Anita Smith, James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Sharon Madson



Flowers adorning our sanctuary today
are given in celebration of the glorious
resurrection of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ!

Rev. Ted & Diane, Mark and Paul Gullixson in honor of Ruth Gullixson Webber

Linda Loge in honor of loved ones

Ron & Elli and Joe Fisher in honor of Richard Fisher and Karl Jaster

Bill & Suzanne Bohning in honor of loved ones

Bob & Ruth Heidenreich in honor of loved ones

Paul & Mary Jane Tweit in honor of loved ones

Mark & Sharon Madson in honor of their parents and Uncle Paul

Mark & Sandy Johnson in honor of Orville and Mary Sampson

The MacPherson Family in honor of the Resurrection

Dennis & Pamela Davis in honor of their parents

Eldon & LuAnn Sting in honor of Louise & Erna Rieger

Phil & Jean Jurgenson in honor of Luella Jurgenson

Triah Meyer in honor of her grandparents

After School Care Kids & Staff in honor of Leah Mueller

Allan & Ellen Mueller

Chad & Sally Sorensen

Ron & Becky Bequette

David & Tamy Munsen



WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 1, 2018—April 8, 2018

Easter Sunday April 1	7:30AM 8:30AM 10AM	Senior Choir Sings Divine Service Easter Breakfast Easter Festival Service w/Holy Communion NO Encourage One Another NO Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 2	6:30PM	No School – CDS on Easter Break Board of Education No Monday Evening Service
Tuesday April 3	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday April 4	8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bible Study – “Family Vocation” Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Youth Choir Confirmation Class
Thurs. Apr. 5		
Fri. Apr. 6	6:30PM	Planning meeting for Easter for Kids
Saturday April 7	9AM-1PM 9:45AM	Easter for Kids -3:15 PM New 2 You Volunteers
Sunday April 8	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Board of Stewardship Lutheran Pioneers, off-site Artemis Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for 7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes and LYA registration; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **February edition** of *Thoughts of Faith*; **April editions of** the ELS *President's Newsletter*, *The Cross-stitch Corner*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and MVL's Memo; and **giving envelopes** for MVL memorials.

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 Annette or Gail will be happy to help you. You are welcome to take your flowers home today after the 10AM service to enjoy with your families.

Easter Breakfast of cinnamon rolls, sausages, fresh fruit and other goodies is served by the Senior Youth Group following the sunrise service **today**. Join us. All donations assist the youth group members planning to attend the LYA convention in Tacoma, WA.

Teens and parents: Check the table in the narthex for registration packets for LYA 2018 in Tacoma, WA, July 26-29. Confirmed youth through college age are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register online, go to els.org/lya18.

Call extended: A call has been extended to Mr. Brent Sorn, currently teaching in Washington, as principal at Mount Olive Lutheran School. Please keep Mr. Sorn in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord would best have him use his many talents to serve God's Kingdom.

Sign-up for Connect Groups today! What are Connect Groups? We are small groups of Mt. Olive members who are gathering for food, drink, prayer and to talk about the sermon, usually in a casual setting where we can connect and grow in faith. There are multiple groups to choose from that meet at various times throughout the week. Join now by signing up in the Narthex between services or online at www.mtolivelutheran.org/connect-groups/

Volunteers needed: The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to help with crafts, stories, gym activities and lunch **for Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 7**, from 9 AM – 1 PM. If you can lend a helping hand, please contact Michelle Graham (507-720-7258). Thank you!

Our Monday Evening Services resume Monday, April 9, at 6:30 PM.

Babysitters Wanted! We are looking for babysitters during the Connect Group season. Most babysitters would be needed on weeknights. Babysitters will be contacted by each group facilitator who needs babysitter(s). If you are interested, please call Jon Basel at 512-373-9064. Almost any age babysitter is welcome.

Save your pop tabs! After School Care's Service project this year is saving pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald house charities! So far this year, **we've filled one tub....**help us fill another!

Canvassing April 14th! Our next canvass date is on April 14 at noon. Our main goal is to spread the Gospel and tell our neighbors that they can come to Mt. Olive to hear more about the Good News! Lunch will be provided; we will have a quick warm up and prep, then we will go out together to have fun sharing the Gospel. Afterwards, we'll have supper to celebrate the success of planting seeds. Please RSVP if you are able to attend so we can get an estimate for food and other materials. Invite your children, friends, and family who can tag along! You can RSVP via jbasel@mtlivelutheran.org or text at 512-373-9064.

Mount Olive would like to have a float with music for the Fun Days Parade on July 7 and the Tater Days Parade on July 21. We are looking at easy hymns: *God Bless Our Native Land*, *A Mighty Fortress*, and the like. The Bonnett's are providing the trailer. Grade school, high school & college students, and adults are hereby encouraged to find their horns and get ready for some parade fun! Contact Dan Neubauer if you are interested.

For All You Softball Fans and Athletes: It is that time of the year again and we are forming softball teams! There is a signup sheet out in the narthex if you would like to join us for family and fun. Men's church league is on Monday nights and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.

Save the Dates!

Camp VBS 2018 is June 25-29. More information will be coming as summer nears.

Camp Indianhead is July 8-13. Parents who wish to receive information for camp and bus transportation can provide their email on the sheet available on the Narthex table.

Bethany Lutheran College

The Minnesota Valley Chorale will host their Spring Concert "Crescendo" featuring works by Haydn, Britten, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Handel on Friday, April 13, at Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, and on Saturday, April 14, at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College. Both concerts take place at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased through any MVC member, at the door, or on Eventbrite."

ELS

Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



The following announcement appeared in the April 1, 1918 issue of the church paper *Luthersk Tidende*: “Pastors and members of congregations who desire to continue in the old doctrine and practice of the Norwegian Synod will, God willing, hold their annual meeting in the Lime Creek congregation, Pastor H. Ingebritson’s charge, June 14 and following days.”

You are cordially invited to join the ELS homeschoolers at a symposium in Bethany’s Meyer Hall on April 15th from 2-7 pm. Presenters include Rev. Johann Cauwwe (WELS) speaking about hymnody and Dr. Ryan MacPherson speaking about family devotions. Any parents, educators, or interested parties are welcome to attend. Please register online at <http://www.planetreg.com/elshomeschool>

Host Families Needed! Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of host families for international students who want to attend our school. Host parents are compensated monthly for taking in and supporting these young people. For further information contact MVL at 507-354-6851 or sgrams@mvlhs.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

In The Olive Press are all other new announcements. Please pick up your copy from the ushers.