



TRINITY 4

Sunday, June 24, 2018, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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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: *"Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us, however, wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father, being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom 8:18-23).*



~**Prelude** — *Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer*

(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

~**Opening Hymn 421** *We Are Called by One Vocation*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness* (ELH 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** — *Opening Sentences*

(ELH p. 109 ff; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

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

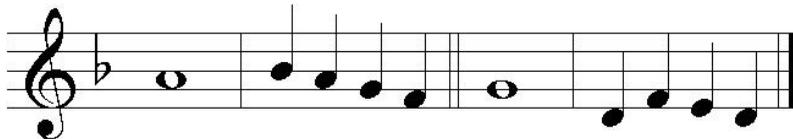
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

~**Gloria Patri** — *Glory to the Father*

(ELH p. 110)

C: ♪ 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!



(All Sing)

C: ♪ For as the heavens are high `above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward `those who fear Him;
As far as the east `is from the west,
So far has He removed our trans`gressions from us.
As a father pities `his *children*,
So the LORD pities `those who fear Him.
For `He knows our frame;
He remembers `that we are dust.
As for man, his `days are like grass;
As a flower of the field so `he flourishes
For the wind passes over it, `and it is gone,
And its place remem`bers it no more.
But the mer`cy of the LORD
Is from everlasting to `everlasting
On `those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to `children's children.

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son
And to `the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the be`ginning, is now,
And ever shall be, forever`more. Amen

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 159, #89)

P.: O Lord God, heavenly Father: You are merciful, and through Christ promised us that You will neither judge nor condemn us, but graciously forgive us all our sins, and abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You would establish in our hearts a confident faith in Your mercy and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we may not judge nor condemn others, but willingly forgive all, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives in Your fear; through Your dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:18-23 For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

~Responsory: Hymn 383, vv. 1, 6 *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above*

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 6:36-42 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you." He also told them a parable: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Won't they both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? Or how can you tell your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck in your eye,' when you do not see the beam in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck in your brother's eye.

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 46)

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.

~Chief Hymn 418, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6 *How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand*

~Sermon Text

Genesis 50:15-21 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Sermon Message

Needing Reassurance of Our Forgiveness

~ Offering and Hymn 226, vv. 1, 3, 4 *By Grace I'm Saved*

*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. We ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Kyrie — "Lord, Have Mercy"

(ELH p. 116)

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

~ The Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 117; Mt 6:9-13)

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** — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH p. 118)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~ **Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 119; Num. 6:24-26)

P: 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 420** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

~ **Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE
Sunday: 8:30am, 265/202; 10:00am, 197/121; Monday: 28/23
GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$39,525.25



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

Romans 12: 1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

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

Greeters: 1st Service: Paul & Mary Jane Tweit, Keith Anderson, Connie Long

2nd Service: Paul & Mary Jane Tweit, Connie Long, Keith Anderson

Ushers: 1st Service: Steve Jaeger (captain), John Bungum, Rich Hultgren,
Rich Andreasen, Craig Zibrowski, Michael Zibrowski

2nd Service: Dave Sulzle (captain), Joe Meyer,
Herman Harstad, Jeremy Jacob, Sam Barbosa

Offering Counters: John Schauer, Jim Gullixson

Altar Guild: Elyse Haugen, Carol Leiferman

WEEK AT A GLANCE: June 24, 2018—July 1, 2018

Sunday June 24	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 2PM 2:30PM 6PM 6:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Annual Voters Meeting VBS Set-up Golf Tourney Artemis Video Gaming VBS Staff Meeting No Co-ed Rec Volleyball
Monday June 25	8:15AM-Noon 6:30PM 7:15PM 7:30PM 8:15PM	World Cup Camp VBS Divine Service w/Holy Communion Softball, Caswell 3 Evangelism Committee Softball, Caswell 3
Tuesday June 26	8:15AM-Noon 7PM	World Cup Camp VBS No Women's Bible Study Men's Chorus
Wednesday June 27	8:15AM-Noon 9AM	World Cup Camp VBS Playdate in Alexander Park
Thursday June 28	8:15AM-Noon 6:30PM 7PM	World Cup Camp VBS VBS Closing Program MOMs Bible Study, Fireside Room
Friday June 29	8:15AM-Noon	World Cup Camp VBS Soccer Tournament
Sat. June 30		
Sunday July 1	8:30AM 10AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Jacie Lieske

Pastor Luke Ulrich has received a divine call to serve as the Pastor at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, in Lombard, Illinois. Please keep him and his family in your prayers, asking that God's will may be done.

Annual Voters' Meeting: today, at 11AM. This meeting includes extending a call for a second kindergarten teacher. Also at this meeting, the Board of Education will recommend issuing a one-year call to Mr. Silas Born to serve as Principal at Mt. Olive Lutheran School.

Mt. Olive Annual Golf Tourney: today, at Minneopa Golf Course, starting at 2:30PM. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Come and enjoy a relaxing, noncompetitive afternoon; see the June edition of the Olive Press for more details.

VBS Service Project: This year we have chosen to support The REACH Drop-In Center in Mankato for our Christian service project. The REACH Drop-In Center helps give teenagers and young adults, who are either at risk or experiencing homelessness, a safe and secure environment. To help with this project, we would like to collect some of the items The REACH needs and then have our VBS students make a care package to give to the youths in need. There will be a tent and sign in the fellowship hall where donations may be put Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday, the students will assemble the care packages.

Note: The following items are needed: bug spray, sun screen, shampoo, bath towels, individual fruit cups, granola bars, nail clippers, adult size men's socks, adult size women's socks.

Last Day for Student Desks:! Mrs. Buelow's hall has desks that are free for the taking; the trustees will dispose of any remaining desks.

Artemis Tonight:"Artemis" is a spaceship bridge simulator video game. Crews of six or more players (ages 11 and up) work together to fly, navigate, and defend the universe. We will have some iPads provided for gaming, but feel free to bring your PC or tablets. We start at 6 PM and the latest we go is at 9 PM. Pizza is provided once we get a head count. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool has two spots in their T/Th a.m. class and nine spots in their M/W/F p.m. class that are still available for this fall. Please call Joslyn at 385-7752 to register your child.

A hot lunch coordinator/supervisor and a teachers' aide are needed for the 2018-19 school year at Mt. Olive CDS. Contact Principal Rude at 507-345-7927 or by e-mail at school.mtolivelutheran.org if you are interested.

Ushers Needed! Gentlemen: Mt. Olive is currently in need of usher volunteers (any confirmed male member) for first, and especially second, services for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (July 1- June 30). Specifically, if you would like to usher during December, the deacons are forming usher teams for Sundays, Advent Wednesdays, and special services (children's Christmas Program, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day). Please contact David Reagles at david.reagles@blc.edu or (507)304-0941 if you are willing to serve.

Interested in upholstering some chairs? Two chairs in the cry room need to be reupholstered. The material would be provided, and your work would be remunerated. Please call Mary Younge at 507-345-6956 for more details.

M.O.M.s study group summer park playdates: All are welcome to join us for our summer park playdates. Park playdates are come and go, from 9AM to noon on Wednesday mornings in June at Alexander Park. On Wednesdays in July, we will be at Sibley Park. If it's raining, the playdate is cancelled. We hope to see you there!

Summer Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible Study meets each Thursday at 7PM for the months of June and July in the Fireside Room, with the study topic of "Families Under God." Contact Shaylene Scheele (scheele.shaylene@yahoo.com) for more information.

Attention Youth: 5 FREE ride tickets and 1 FREE duck game for each youth participant in the North Mankato Fun Days parade on Saturday, **July 7**, at 11AM. Sign up today by contacting Michelle Graham (507-720-7258; Mmka71490@gmail.com).

Mt. Olive would like to have a float with music during the North Mankato Fun Days Parade on **July 7** at 11AM and the Eagle Lake Tater Days Parade on **July 21** at 1PM; contact David Covell at 509-480-0756 for more details.

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, contact Tiffany Riesgraf at triesgraf@yahoo.com.



In Our Synod

One hundred years ago, because there were war-time restrictions in the state of Iowa prohibiting the use of any language other than English in public gatherings, a tent was erected in Minnesota, one mile north of the Lime Creek Lutheran Church. Some of the 1918 convention sessions were held in this sixty-foot square tent where the Norwegian language could be used without the appearance of disloyalty to the nation.

From Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Host families are needed for four Chinese boys and one Honduran boy for the next school year. If you are interested in being a host family, contact Principal Plath (507-276-3483 or tplath@mvlhs.org) as soon as possible.