



## TRINITY 9

Sunday, July 29, 2018, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Silas Born | Evangelical Lutheran Synod

**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 master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (Luke 16:1-9). With those surprising words, our Lord Jesus places the deceitful steward before us an example to be followed! How so? By describing the man's resourcefulness in making use of the treasures available to him as he tried to get himself out of trouble. Similarly, the Epistle lesson shares with us several examples "for our admonition," that we might "take heed lest we fall" (1 Corinthians 10:6-13). So, what can we learn from today's lessons—especially from the deceitful, unjust steward? Be resourceful in what we have, with the "riches and honor that come from God" (1 Chronicles 29:10-13). Make shrewd use of the word and sacraments: the means by which God gives us the riches of salvation and heaven. Be consistent in living as a "child of light." Let your confession and your living be identical, and stay the course as one redeemed. Finally, learn the lesson of bravery as you lean on and trust the one true God who loves you, will never leave you, and provides you with everlasting help and love, through Jesus Christ, the Steward who has canceled our debt by His holy life and His death on the cross!*

## Order of Worship: Office of Prime

(Taken from page 108 in the black hymnal—  
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))



(This morning's liturgy is based on the "Office of Prime." This order of service was first developed & used around 400 AD, as a time of prayer, devotion, and scriptural encouragement during "prime"—the Latin term for "the first hour of the day." Though short & simple, it continues to serve as an excellent way to start our day & week. Found on page 108 in the front of our Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH), it would serve as a fitting order for you to use in any of your personal or family devotions.)



~**Prelude** — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

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

~**Opening Hymn 454, vv. 1-4 *Not in Anger, Mighty God***

~**Versicles and Gloria Patri** — Opening Sentences & "Glory to the Father"

(ELH p. 108)

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.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — Admitting Guilt & Receiving Forgiveness (ELH pp. 108-109)

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.

~**Hymn 454, v. 5 *Father, Hymns to Thee We Raise***

~**The Old Testament Lesson**

**1 Chronicles 29:10-13** Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all.

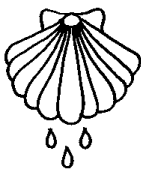
In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name."

### ~The Epistle Lesson

**1 Corinthians 10:6-13** Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

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### Affirmation of Holy Baptism (2<sup>nd</sup> Service)



*(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing "with water through the Word" is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that "all nations" be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one's Baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)*

### ~Baptismal Hymn 241 *He That Believes and Is Baptized*

#### ~Affirmation of Baptism for Moriah Mae Johnson

*(Special Order from Lutheran Worship Agenda—pp.105-109)*

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#### ~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

*(ELH p. 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.**

**~Chief Hymn 446, vv. 1-4 *What Is the World to Me***

**~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

***Luke 16:1-9*** He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

**~Sermon Message**

*What Can We Learn From a Deceptive Steward?*

- 1. Be resourceful*
- 2. Be consistent.*
- 3. Be brave.*

**~Offering and Hymn 446, vv. 5-8 *The World is Sorely Grieved***

*(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.)*

~**Responsory** — *Responsive Prayer between Pastor & Congregation*

(ELH p. 108)

P: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us

**C: O Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.**

P: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

**C: And deliver us for Your name's sake.**

~**Prayers & Special Petitions**

~**Lord's Prayer**

(ELH p. 85; 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** — *Prayer for the Start of a Day*

(ELH p. 108)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in Your holy light all my life and even forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

~**Canticle** — *"Little Song" of Scriptural Encouragement*

(ELH p. 108; Mt 5:3-12)

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**C: 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. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**~Closing Versicles & Blessing**

(ELH p. 108)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us bless the Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

**C: Amen.**

**~Closing Hymn 379, vv. 1, 2, 5 *Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus***

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

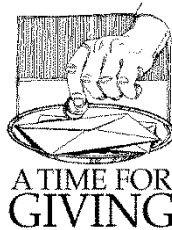
(See "Prayers for Worship"  
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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 219; 10:00am, 181; Monday: 35**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$12,891.60**



***NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$17,400***

*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](http://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.*

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## SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

**Greeters:** Robert & Ruth Heidenreich, Craig & Jane Zibrowski

**Ushers: 1st Service:** Juel Merseth (captain), Ron Bequette,  
Greg Lieske, Ron Koth, Tim Merseth, Jordan Merseth

**2nd Service:** Dean Kluge (captain), Bill Bukowski,  
Joe Madson, Jon Mueller, Jacob Mueller

**Offering Counters:** Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode

**Altar Guild:** Connie Meyer, Terri Westphal

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### **Within Our Synod**

In observance of the synod's centennial year, the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) is holding its annual convention in Parkland, Washington. The site was selected because, in 1918, this location was the home of the first president of our reorganized synod. By God's grace, the ELS has endured these one hundred years "Even When Steeples Are Falling."



**WEEK AT A GLANCE: July 29, 2018—August 5, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> July 29	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:30AM	Anthem Choir Rehearsal
	10AM	Divine Service
	<b>11AM</b>	<b>Special Voters Meeting</b>
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> July 30	6:30PM	Divine Service
	7PM	Board of Stewardship
<b>Tuesday</b> July 31	8AM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Psalms</i>
	7PM	Men's Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b> August 1	9AM	M.O.M.s playdate, Tremendous Park, St. Peter
	9AM	Bible Study - <i>Daniel</i>
<b>Thurs.</b> Aug. 2	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Fri.</b> Aug. 3		
<b>Saturday</b> August 4	9-11:30AM	Women's Brunch
	9:45AM-3:15PM	New 2 You Shifts
<b>Sunday</b> August 5	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	10AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** today are given to God's glory by Bob and Sharon Irwin in honor of their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 1.

**Special Voters' Meeting Today:** On July 18, the Building Committee met with representatives from ISG Architects and WEB Construction and was informed of additional requirements by the city of Mankato, as well as some cost increases to various line items, which have resulted in our building project now being over budget. A special voters' meeting will be held today at 11AM in the Sanctuary to review these items and determine next steps for our building project, which is currently slated to begin in late August/early September.

**Affirmation of Baptism Today During 2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Moriah Mae Johnson, infant daughter of Samuel and Elisa Johnson, was born on June 20, 2018 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems Hospital-Mankato and baptized on the same day by Pastor Petersen. Her



sponsors are Nate & Amanda Smayling and Johanna Mayer. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and registration forms for a WELS Women's Retreat; **signup sheets for** volunteering at New 2 You and the Women's Brunch; the **June edition of** *Thoughts of Faith*; **July editions of** the *ELS President's Newsletter*, and *Mission News & Helping Hands*; the **June-September edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; and **giving envelopes for** *MVL memorials*.

**Anthem Rehearsal/Singing:** We are forming a group of young and older folks to sing an anthem for the Sunday, **August 26**, service. The first rehearsal/meeting will be between services today; subsequent rehearsal times will be determined by the group. Additional details can be found in the August issue of the *Olive Press*. If you have questions, contact Carl Bloedel (507-720-6593).

**FYI: Waxing** of the social hall and adjoining office hall will be done on **July 31**, and waxing of the school room hallways is slated for **August 6-7**.

**School Clean-up:** Saturday, **August 11**, 8AM-noon (and 1-3PM if needed). **School parents and friends:** please plan to join us. Check the August issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

**A hot lunch coordinator/supervisor** is needed for the 2018-19 school year at Mt. Olive CDS. Contact Principal Born (507-345-7927 or [school@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:school@mtolivelutheran.org)) if you are interested.

**Soccer & Volleyball Enthusiasts:** Mt. Olive Lutheran School is looking for volunteer coaches for the soccer and volleyball programs this fall. Practices will be Monday and Thursday afternoons for the soccer teams and Tuesday and Friday afternoons for the volleyball teams. The August issue of the *Olive Press* has additional information. Contact Craig Zibrowski by e-mail ([mrz@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:mrz@mtolivelutheran.org)) if you are interested or have questions.

**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). Contact David Reagles at [david.reagles@blc.edu](mailto:david.reagles@blc.edu) or (507)304-0941 if you are willing to serve.

**Summer Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible Study** meets each Thursday in August at 7PM in the Fireside Room. See the August issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

**M.O.M.s Study Group Summer Park Playdates:** Join M.O.M.s for two field trips: Wednesday, **August 1**, at Tremendous Park in St. Peter; and Wednesday, **August 8**, at Hiniker Pond in Mankato. More information can be found in the August issue of the *Olive Press*.

**Hymnary Repair:** Is the hymnary you used today in need of repair? If so, please bring it to the church office. Thank you!

**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](http://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](mailto:triesgraf@yahoo.com).

#### **At Bethany Lutheran College:**

**International Student Activity Coordinator Opening:** This part-time position will develop, coordinate, and execute activities for international students to assist in their adjustment and engagement with the college. Application deadline is July 30. Find more information at <https://www.blc.edu/employment>.

**Apartment Needed:** A female BLC student is looking for an apartment to rent for the coming school year. If you or someone you know has a "basement" apartment available, please contact the church office at 345-4966. Thanks!

#### **Available at Minnesota Valley Lutheran**

**MVL has openings** for a full-time Director of Mission Advancement and a part-time Food Service worker. See the August issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

#### **At Our Sister Churches**

**WELS Coulee Women's Retreat: August 10-11**, Tomah, Wisconsin. Registration forms are on the narthex table; the registration deadline is today.

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

Freedom in Christ

# Women's Brunch

HANDBAGS WILL BE  
DONATED TO  
WELCOME MANOR  
FAMILY SERVICES!

Saturday August 4th  
9 - 11:30 am

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

## Guest Speaker

Dr. Jenna Londgren

Bring a new or gently used handbag.

## Bring a friend!

RSVP by calling

507 345 4966 Church office  
Deadline July 28th