



## TRINITY 11

Sunday, August 12, 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:** *"The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering" (Gen 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God be merciful to me, sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*



*(This morning's order of service—adapted from “The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution” found on pgs. 130-132 of our Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary—has a unique structure and emphasis that focuses us upon the heart and core of the Christian faith. What this service focuses us on is the primary reason why Christians gather together at church in the first place. Here, we come before God as Christians have done throughout the ages, bowing our hearts before the Lord, admitting our sins and calling upon Him to help us. God, speaking through His servants, your pastors, assures you that you have His forgiveness through the atoning sacrifice made by His Son, Jesus Christ. Through the words of Absolution, spoken to you, there is a real impartation of forgiveness that God is giving to you. This special order of service, though only occasionally used, is a powerful reminder to us of what the Christian life is all about: turning to God—admitting our need for His help, and receiving it personally in His Absolution.)*

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

*(See “Prayers for Worship”  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Hymn 452** *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee*

~**Invocation and Versicles**— *Calling upon the Triune God*

*(ELH p. 130; Matt. 28:19)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**C: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. 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.**

~**Men's Choir** – *Psalm 6 (Christian Worship, p. 66)*

*(Refrain) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.*

*O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.*

*Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.*

*Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.*

*Refrain*

*I am worn out from groaning. My eyes grow weak with sorrow.*

*Away from me, all you who do evil, for the Lord has heard my weeping.*

*The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

**~Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 4:1-15** Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." And the Lord said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

**~Men's Choir: *With Broken Heart & Contrite Sigh* (ELH #455; arr. R. H. Chenault)**

*With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.  
Thy pard'ning grace is rich and free--O God, be merciful to me!*

*Far off I stand with tearful eyes, Nor dare I lift them to the skies;  
But Thou dost all my anguish see--O God, be merciful to me!*

*And, when redeemed from sin and hell, With all the ransomed throng I dwell,  
My raptured song shall ever be: God has been merciful to me!*

## ~Epistle Lesson

***I Corinthians 15:1-10*** Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it).

~Chief Hymn 417, vv. 1-3, 5, 7, 10 *"So Truly As I Live," God Saith*

## ~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

***Luke 18:9-14*** Jesus told this parable to certain people who trusted in themselves (that they were righteous) and looked down on others: "Two men went up to the temple courts to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself like this: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my income.' "However the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes up to heaven, but was beating his chest and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' "I tell you, this man went home justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

## ~Sermon Theme

*The Two Churchgoers: The Right and Wrong Way of Approaching God*

~Confession — *Admitting Our Guilt*

(ELH p. 130, 1)

P: Having now heard the Word of God, let us bow our hearts and make confession of our sins:

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for**

**them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me a poor sinful being.**

**~Absolution — Receiving God's Forgiveness**

*(ELH p. 131, 1)*

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with you! Amen.

**~Offering & Hymn 522 O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee**

*(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**

**~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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~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.**



## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

**Sunday:** 8:30am, 215/159; 10:00am, 156/100; **Monday:** 36/27

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK:** \$16,374.48



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

*2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

*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:** Mark & Michelle Graham, Ernie & Marge Lillo

**Ushers: 1st Service:** Arden Olson (captain), Mark Graham, Matt Holt, Martin Langhorst, Greg Costello

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

**Offering Counters:** Stacey Olsen, Seth Tweit

**Altar Guild:** Elyse Haugen, Carol Leiferman

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: August 12, 2018—August 19, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> August 12	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:30AM	Anthem Choir Rehearsal
	10AM	Divine Service
	12PM	Sudanese Community Potluck Picnic, Erlandson Park
	6PM	Artemis Video Gaming
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> August 13	6:30PM	Divine Service
	6:30PM	Church Council
<b>Tuesday</b> August 14	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Psalms</i>
	6:30PM	PTF, Social Hall
	6:30PM	Back to School Night, Grades 6-8
	7PM	Men's Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b> August 15		<b>Church Newsletter Deadline</b>
	9AM	Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i>
<b>Thursday</b> August 16	6PM	Kindergarten Open House
	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Fri. Aug. 17</b>		
<b>Sat. Aug. 18</b>	9AM	Ambassadors
<b>Sunday</b> August 19	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:30AM	Anthem Choir Rehearsal
	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 Art & Terri Westphal.

**Anthem Rehearsal/Singing:** A group of young and older folks will be singing an anthem for the Sunday, **August 26**, service. Rehearsals will be between services on Sunday mornings (today and August 19). Additional details can be found in the August issue of the *Olive Press*. If you have questions, contact Carl Bloedel (507-720-6593).

**Attend a picnic:** Join the Mankato Sudanese community for a potluck picnic at noon **today**; check the August edition of the *Olive Press* for more information.



**Thank You!** “I would like to express my appreciation to all of you for your prayers and visits and cards during my recent week-long hospitalization.”--Joan Navia

**Please check the “lost and found” area** located near the school bathrooms before **August 18**; any remaining items will then be given to New2You.

**Tour Wellcome Manor Family Services** in Garden City, MN, on Monday, **August 20**, beginning at 1PM. Wellcome Manor, a residential drug and alcohol rehab facility for women, has scheduled a tour of their facility for the ladies that attended the Women's Brunch on August 4 (and anyone else that would like to attend). We will be carpooling-leaving Mt. Olive at 12:30PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex table, or call the Church Office at 507-345-4966.

**Jesus’ Lambs at Peace Preschool** will be hosting its annual Back-To-School Picnic on Tuesday, **August 21**, 6-8 PM. Please bring your family for our final registration, tour of our classrooms, and a picnic supper. To enroll your child before August 21, call Joslyn at 385-7752 or e-mail her at joslynmoldstad@gmail.com.

**Sunday School registration is now available on-line.** To register your children, use the following link: <http://reg.planetReg.com/E8817560241250>. If you have questions, contact Kent Waletski at kwaletski@yahoo.com or 507-327-2523.

**Have you considered being a Sunday School teacher?** Teachers and assistants are needed beginning September 9. Teachers are paired so that each doesn't have to teach every Sunday. For more information, contact Kent Waletski at kwaletski@yahoo.com or 507-327-2523.

**Mt. Olive Youth Choir:** Youth Choir will begin again for any of our members who are going into grades 3 to 9 (or so). Practice times run from 3 to 3:45PM on Wednesdays through the school year. Commitment involves coming to practice and singing on three or four Sundays. If interested, contact Katie Sulzle at 469-4719 or ksulzle@hotmail.com.

**Hot lunch servers** are needed for the 2018-19 school year for Mt. Olive Lutheran School's hot lunch program. Please contact Principal Born (507-345-7927 or principal@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) 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 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.

**Interested in a used popcorn machine?** The Mt Olive Booster Club is selling its old popcorn machine that was used in the concession stand. It still works well, but we need to make room for the new popcorn machine purchased last spring. We are asking \$200 for the popcorn machine or make an offer. If interested, please contact Craig Zibrowski (mrz@mtolivelutheran.org) to see the popcorn machine.

**Rooms for Rent:** A young couple, who have been attending our church for the past year, have two bedrooms downstairs available for rent. The entrance is shared, but the bathroom and living room are not shared. Please contact Seon at 585-698-7117 if you are interested.

**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).

**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets; **sign-up sheets for** volunteering at New 2 You and the Wellcome Manor Tour; the **June edition of** *Thoughts of Faith*; the **July edition of** the *Mission News & Helping Hands*; **August editions of** the *Olive Press* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*; the **June-September edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; and **giving envelopes for** *MVL memorials*.

### **At Our Christian Day School**

**Back to School Night, Grades 6-8:** Tuesday, **August 14**, at 6:30PM. Parents: you will receive registration packets at this event. There are no home visits for Grades 6-8.

**Kindergarten Open House:** Thursday, **August 16**, at 6PM. Parents: you will receive registration packets at this event. There are no home visits for kindergarten this year. Come and meet our new kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Krienke.

**Registration Night for all grades,** Wednesday, **August 22**. Students with last names beginning M-Z are at 6:30PM, and last names beginning A-L are at 7:15PM.

### **Within Our Synod**



In the 1980s the focus for home missions shifted from offering aid to established churches to that of supporting exploratory missions. Former President Orvick observed, "Where would we be today if it were not for the dedicated efforts of our members and our mission boards who, with limited resources, boldly took steps to organize mission churches?"

### **At Minnesota Valley Lutheran**

**Food Service Assistant Opening:** MVL has a part-time position available in Food Service for about 6 to 6<sup>1/2</sup> hours per day during the school year. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up.

**Director of Mission Advancement Opening:** MVL is looking for a male member of an ELS/WELS church to serve as a full-time Director of Mission Advancement.

Individuals interested in either of these positions can contact MVL's principal, Tim Plath, at 507-354-6851 or [tplath@mvlhs.org](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org).

**MVL Opening Service & Installation:** 2018-19 marks MVL's 40th year of training students for Christian lives. Please join us in our first celebration of this milestone at our Opening Service on **August 26** at 1:30PM in the MVL gym. We will also be installing our new teachers: Becky Berg, Karyn Clemons, Ben Lundsten, Becky Rogotzke, and Jennifer Uher. Refreshments will be served after the service.

# MANKATO

## Sudanese Community

### POTLUCK PICNIC



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 @ 12:00 p.m.**

## **Erlandson Park**

101 N Belmont Dr.

Bring food to share.

Drinks, plates, napkins, forks will be provided.

Soccer, games, and other activities.

Hosted by area churches

St. Marks, St. Pauls, Peace, and Mt Olive

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