



## TRINITY 12

Sunday, August 19, 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:** *A man was brought to Jesus who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book" (Is 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.*



I. The Service of Preparation

*(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)*

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

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

~**Opening Hymn 24 Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear**

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

*(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)*

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

C: **♫ Amen.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness*

*(ELH p. 60-61 #2; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

C: **♫ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: **♫ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: 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 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.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten 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 shall be saved.

**C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**



~**Men's Choir** – *Lord, We Come Before You* (arr. Hassler/Hopson)

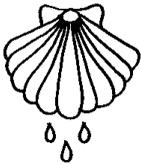
*Lord, we come before You, Hear our prayer, O hear us.  
Look with Your favor. Our days are gone like a shadow,  
But You, O Lord, endure forever.  
Lord, we come before You, Hear our prayer, O hear us.*

~**Epistle Lesson**

**2 Corinthians 3:4-11** Such is the confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent by ourselves to claim that anything comes from us; rather, our competence is from God. He also made us competent as ministers of a new testament (not of letter, but of spirit). For the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. If the ministry that brought death (which was engraved in letters on stone) came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look directly at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face (though it was fading), how will the ministry of the spirit not be much more glorious? For if the ministry that brought condemnation has glory, the ministry that brought righteousness has even more glory. In fact, in this case, what was glorious is no longer very glorious, because of the greater glory of that which surpasses it. Indeed, if what is fading away was glorious, how much more glorious is that which is permanent!

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The Order 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 244, vv. 1, 3** *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

~**Baptism of Everly Ann Saidler**

*(ELH p. 133ff)*

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

*(ELH p. 69)*

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.**

**~Chief Hymn 456, vv. 1, 2 *My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker***

**~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

***Mark 7:31-37*** Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

**~Sermon Theme**

*God Shows His Sympathy & Compassion*

**~Offertory — *Prayer of Renewal before Offering***

*(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

**~Offering & Hymn 456, vv. 3, 4 For As a Tender Father**

*(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.)*

**~Prayer of the Church**

*(ELH p. 71-72)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*(Special petitions are included)*

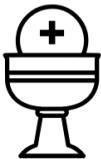
P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

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**III. The Service of Holy Communion**



*(Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)*

*Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38-40.*

**Guests & Visitors:** We practice “Close” or “Closed Communion” (or “Membership Communion”). We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.

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**~Preface**

(ELH p. 72 ff.; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

**~The Proper Preface**

(ELH p. 75)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**~Sanctus — “Holy”**

(ELH p. 76)

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**~Lord’s Prayer**

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)

P: 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.

**C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~Words of Institution** (ELH p. 78; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

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."

**~The Pax Domini** — *"The Peace of the Lord"* (ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

**~Agnus Dei** — *"Lamb of God"* (ELH p. 79ff; Jn 1:29)

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** (Communicants come at the direction of ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

**Hymn 109, vv. 1, 2 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

**Hymn 259, vv. 3, 4 O Jesus, My Distresses to Thee**

**Hymn 109, vv. 3, 4 He Comes the Broken Heart to Bind**

**Hymn 259, vv. 5, 7 To God I Raise My Crying**

**Hymn 312 Bread of the World**

**~Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

**~Nunc Dimittis** — *"Now I Depart"* (ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ **Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

**~Collect of Thanksgiving**

*(ELH p. 83, 11)*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

**C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve 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.**

**~Salutation** — *The people's blessing for the Pastor's work*

*(ELH p. 84)*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

**~Benedicimus** — *Call for blessing*

*(ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

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

*(ELH p. 84; Num. 6:24-26)*

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 103, vv. 1, 2, 6 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

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

*(See "Prayers for Worship"*

*—ELH p. 40)*

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*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Seminarian Jacob Kempfert*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: John Baumann / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

*Men's Choir Accompanist: Kristin Matzke*  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 271; 10:00am, 134; Monday: 18**  
**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$13,041.82**



***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 19, 2018—August 26, 2018**

<b>Sunday</b> August 19	8:30AM 9:30AM 10AM 1PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Anthem Choir Rehearsal Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another No Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> August 20	10AM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Veterans Bible Study Group, HyVee Divine Service w/Holy Communion Evangelism Committee
<b>Tuesday</b> August 21	8AM 6:30PM 7PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Psalms</i> Jesus Cares Ministry Men's Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b> August 22	9AM	Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> <b>CDS Registration Night</b> 6:30-7:15PM for last names M-Z 7:15-8PM for last names A-L
<b>Thurs.</b> Aug 23	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Fri.</b> Aug. 24	10:15AM	Pathstone Service (Pastor Ulrich)
<b>Sat.</b> Aug. 25	Noon-3PM	Canvassing
<b>Sunday</b> August 26	8:30AM 10AM 1:30PM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service; <b>CDS Teacher Installation/Rededication</b> Divine Service Minnesota Valley Lutheran Opening Service Artemis Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** today are given to God's glory by Steve & Lois Jaeger in loving memory of Jamie Jaeger's parents, John & Deb Hagel.

**Anthem Rehearsal/Singing:** A group of young and older folks will be singing an anthem for the Sunday, **August 26**, services, with rehearsal today between the services. If you have questions, contact Carl Bloedel (507-720-6593).

**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

**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.

**At Our Christian Day School**

**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.

**CDS 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School,** Tuesday, **August 28**, at 8AM.

**Opening Chapel Service,** Wednesday, **August 29** at 8:15AM.

**No School:** Friday, **August 31**

**Library "Downsizing":** The library is reducing the number of sets of encyclopedias that it has. If you would be interested in either the 1984 World Book, the 1989 Britannica, or the 1990 World Book encyclopedias, please contact the office before **August 24**. Thank you.

**Veterans Bible Study** will meet at a new location on the second and fourth Mondays of the month--Vista Prairie at Monarch Meadows, 2135 Lor Ray Drive, North Mankato, MN. The first meeting at the new location will be Monday, **August 27**, at 10AM.

**Sunday School registration is now available on-line.** To register your children, use the following link: <http://reg.planetReg.com/E8817560241250>; or, go Mt. Olive's web page (<http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/>) and click on the Mt. Olive banner. If you have questions, contact Kent Waletski at [kwaletski@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ksulzle@hotmail.com). The first practice will be Wednesday, **August 29**.

**Senior Choir:** It's that season again...our Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 5**. The ensemble meets every Wednesday at 7PM (or following midweek services) and sings for Sunday services monthly through Easter. Yes, it may be the "senior" choir, but high-schoolers and young adults are warmly invited to join. We would love to have you! Questions? Contact Elisabeth at [elisabeth.urtel@blc.edu](mailto:elisabeth.urtel@blc.edu) or 612-272-2420.

**Men:** If you enjoy singing, please join the Men's Chorus. We need you! Call Carl Bloedel at 507-720-6593 if you are interested or have any questions

**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](mailto: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](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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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 **September-December edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; and **giving envelopes for MVL memorials.**

**Like to have a Thrivent t-shirt?** Seventeen shirts, in a variety of children and adult sizes, are available in the church office between services today.

### **Within Our Synod**



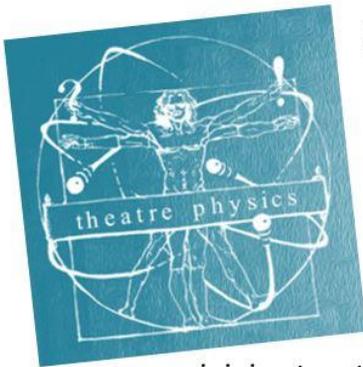
A sermon preached at the 1918 reorganizing convention of the ELS reminded the faithful few that their purpose was to extend God's kingdom and they "should not weary in this work." Since its reorganization in 1918, the ELS has participated in foreign mission work in fifteen nations. Working through the synods of the Synodical Conference, early missionaries served in China, India and Nigeria.

### At Minnesota Valley Lutheran

**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. Information on the position, as well as an application, are available from 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 Sunday, **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.

**MVL 40th Anniversary T-Shirts:** MVL has created special t-shirts based on the school year theme from Psalm 126:3. \$10 for adult (sizes S-4X), and \$7 for youth (sizes S-XL). Color options are heather red and heather gray. More information can be found at [mvl.org/anniversary](http://mvl.org/anniversary) or contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvlhs.org).



# YOUTH GROUPS! Come to THEATRE PHYSICS!

Come and join us for our Youth Group Event!!! Our Jr. (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades) AND Sr. (High School) Youth will be joining together with the Youth Groups from Peace Lutheran Church, Norseland and Norwegian Grove Lutheran Churches. Taking place on **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00PM-4ishPM**. We will meet outside the BLC Theater in the YFAC Building. We will start with a Devotion & Prayer together, enjoy Pizza, and then take in the Theatre Physics performance at 2pm. **DRIVERS are asked to drop off and pick up their kids at the Bethany Lutheran College YFAC.**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED—In order to reserve Your Ticket to Theatre Physics, you MUST SIGN UP on the Sheet on the Narthex Table by Sunday, September 2nd.**

Please direct any questions to Pr. Luke Ulrich. **COST: \$FREE.**