



## TRINITY 13

Sunday, August 26, 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:** *God has given us His Law. He is serious about His Law. He commands that we keep His Law. It would be a grave mistake to leave His commands behind to instead take up the “doings of the land” in which we are living (Leviticus 18:1-5). Yet, we also must understand that the fulfillment of God’s Law is not found in ourselves or our own actions—His Law points out our sinfulness and guilt. God points us to the “seed of the woman”—“the covenant established by God in Christ” for the fulfillment of the Law (Galatians 3:15-22). The Scriptures point us to the promise of forgiveness and salvation given to those who believe in Jesus Christ. Though it may seem that in this present time Jesus is far away from us, we remain close to Him. We are connected to Him and to His salvation through faith. This faith that we have in Christ, which brings us our salvation, also motivates us to show Love. And by loving in the way our Lord first loved us, we fulfill and keep the commands of God. (John 13:33-35).*

## Order of Worship: The Office of Matins

(pp. 109-119 in the hymnal—  
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))

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(Today we follow the order of worship known as “Matins.” “Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word. Included in this order of service are certain liturgical hymns that have been used by the Christian church for centuries. We encourage you to follow along with the musical notation of these liturgical hymns—the Venite Exultemus (found on page 111 in the front part of your hymnals) and also the Te Deum Laudamus (found on pages 114-116 in the front of the hymnal).

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

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

~**Anthem Choir** *Worship God with Music*

(by Natalie Sleeth)

*Choir: vv. 1-4*

**Congregation and choir: v. 5**

**O God of rhyme and rhythm, Of words and melody,  
Creator, Lord and Spirit who sings through history,  
Be with your grateful people who worship You today,  
With instruments and voices, to bring You praise always!**

~**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.

~**Hymn 76 *Father, We Praise Thee***

~**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!**

~**Invitatory** — *Invitation to worship*

(ELH p. 110; Ps. 95:6)

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

**C: ♪ For He is our Maker.**

~**Liturgical Hymn p. 111 *Venite Exultemus*** — *“Come! Let us exalt”*

(Ps. 95:1-7)

~**Old Testament Lesson**

**Leviticus 18:1-5** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.’”

~**Responsory** — *Responsive Prayer*

(ELH p. 112 Mk 10:47, 1 Cor 15:57)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Epistle Lesson**

**Galatians 3:15-22** Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. When someone has established a last will and testament, no one nullifies it or adds to it. The promises God spoke referred to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn’t say, “And to seeds,” as if it were referring to many, but, as referring to one, “And to your seed,” who is Christ. What I am

saying is this: The law, which came into being 430 years after the covenant established earlier by God in Christ, does not annul that covenant, with the result that it invalidates the promise. In fact, if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by the promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham by a promise. Then what about the law? It was added for the purpose of revealing transgressions, until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. It was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not needed for one party, but God is one. Then is the law against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given that could give life, certainly righteousness would have been derived from the law. But Scripture imprisoned all things under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ would be given to those who believe.



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**~Installation of Mrs. Anita Krienke and Mr. Silas Born  
& the Rededication of the Mt. Olive School Faculty — (1<sup>st</sup> Service)**

*(Near the start of each school year, we have a special ceremony to “Install” new teachers or administrators who have been called to serve in our school and congregation and to “Rededicate” those who have already been serving. During this ceremony, those being “installed” or “rededicated” come forward and give a solemn promise before God and the congregation to faithfully carry out the tasks and duties of the public ministry—serving as teachers or administrators in our Christian Day School. Both the congregation and also the students of the school are encouraged to support these called workers and to recognize them as carrying out their tasks on behalf of the Lord. We also offer prayers today, and throughout the year, that God might bless our school through the dedicated work of our school faculty.)*

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**~Chief Hymn 458 *O God of Mercy, God of Might***

**~Holy Gospel & Sermon Text**

***John 13:33-35*** “Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Sermon Message**

***When Jesus Goes Away***

- 1. He must go away from us for a little while.***
- 2. We must not go away from Him, even for a minute.***

~ **Offering and Hymn 227, vv. 6, 8, 10 *As Christ Hath Full Atonement Made***

*(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.)*

~ **Liturgical Hymn p. 114-116 *Te Deum Laudamus* — “We praise You, O God”**

~ **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.**

~ **Prayers & Special Petitions**

~ **Collect — *In appreciation of God’s gifts***

*(ELH p. 118-119, II)*

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, 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 596 *Praise to Thee and Adoration*

~Announcements

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

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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich  
Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Dennis Marzolf / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux  
Anthem Choir Musicians: Organist, Joni Bode; Pianist, Kristin Matzke;  
Trumpet, Dan Neubauer; Matthew Strom, violin; Lea Kurth, flute*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 262/185; 10:00am, 243/168; Monday: 43/38**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$19,171.95**



***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](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**  
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**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 26, 2018—September 2, 2018**

<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 Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> August 27	10AM 6:30PM 7PM	Veterans' Bible Study, Vista Prairie at Monarch Meadows Divine Service Board of Stewardship
<b>Tuesday</b> August 28	8AM <b>8AM</b> 7PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Psalms</i> <b>CDS 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School</b> Men's Chorus Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b> August 29	<b>8:15AM</b> 9AM 3PM 4PM	<b>CDS Opening Chapel Service</b> Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Mt. Olive Youth Choir Confirmation
<b>Thurs. Aug 30</b>	7PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Fri. Aug. 31</b>		<b>CDS No School</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 1</b>	Noon-3PM	Canvassing
<b>Sunday</b> September 2	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 Keith & Claudia Eisberg.

**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.

**Veterans**: Mt. Olive has a bulletin board honoring our veterans and current military members and relatives. If you are aware of someone who is missing from our board, call Lois Johnson (278-3369) or the church office (345-4966).

### **Ground Breaking Ceremony**

Please make plans to be with us for the ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, **September 9th**, at noon. That day will be the formal start to our long-awaited building project! Following a brief ceremony on the church lawn, all are invited to stay for a roast pork dinner. Last names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a side dish to serve, and those with M-Z are asked to bring dessert items. Depending on the weather, we hope to enjoy the meal outside, so please bring lawn chairs. If necessary, we'll gather in the gym. Please see the sign-up sheets in the narthex seeking volunteers to help in the organization and preparation of the needed food items.

**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?** The new Sunday School year is fast approaching! 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.

### **Choir Opportunities**

**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:** Do you enjoy singing with a wonderful group of people and are wondering how to get involved in choir at Mt. Olive? 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. High-schoolers through adults are warmly invited. Please feel free to join us as you are able; even at mid-year, new members are always welcome. We would love to have you! Questions? Contact Elisabeth at 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

**1st Day of School** for Mt. Olive Christian Day School students is Tuesday, **August 28**, at 8AM. Note that the **Opening Chapel Service is Wednesday, August 29**, at 8:15AM. There is no school on Friday, August 31.

**Volunteers are needed** to help serve meals at Mt. Olive Lutheran School daily from 10:45 to 12:30PM. If you could help once a week or once a month, please contact the school office at 345-7927.

**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.

**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.

**Library Workers Needed:** Do you love reading books to children? We are in need of volunteers to "man" our library on Thursday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings. If interested, please notify Mary Born (388-9220) or mborn@mtolivelutheran.org.

**Rooms for Rent:** A young couple who have been attending our church for the past year have two downstairs bedrooms 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 helping with the Ground Breaking noon meal; the **August edition of** *Thoughts of Faith*; the **July edition of** the *Mission News & Helping Hands*; **September 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*.



## **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.**



### **Within Our Synod**

As the ELS observes the 100th anniversary of reorganization, we also remember this year marks the 50th anniversary of the start of mission work in Peru. In 1968, following years of cooperating jointly through the Synodical Conference, the ELS decided to establish its own foreign mission in Lima, Peru. The first missionary arrived on January 1, 1968. Work also expanded into the Amazon jungle.

### **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 **today** 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-4XL), 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).

In the September issue of the *Olive Press* are all other new announcements. Please pick up your copy from the ushers today.