



EPIPHANY 1

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 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 **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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 word Epiphany means “to make known”. At Christmas we journeyed with the shepherds to see the Baby in the manger. Now, in Epiphany we journey with the wise men, and the full nature of the Christ Child is made known to us. Epiphany reminds us that the Son of Mary is also the Son of God, the Savior of all people. Each week of Epiphany reveals this to us with increasing clarity, from the Child worshiped by wise men, to the Boy Jesus in the temple “about His Father’s business,” to the Man Jesus who reveals His deity through His miracles. The Second Person of the Trinity has broken into our earthly world. God has appeared among us.*

Order of Worship: The Office of Matins

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

(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.)

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

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

~**Opening Hymn 183 *Master of Eager Youth***

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God’s Forgiveness* (ELH p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening Sentences*

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

P: O Lord, open my lips.

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

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

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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

(ELH p. 110)

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

~**Psalmody** — **Hymn 51** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

(ELH p. 112; Ps 100)

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 61:1-3 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

~**Epistle Lesson**

Romans 12:1-5 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. Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

~**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!

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

Luke 2:41-52 Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day’s journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and

friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" They did not understand what he was telling them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

~Chief Hymn 185 *Within the Father's House*

~Sermon Text

Psalm 100 Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

~Sermon Message

God's Truth Endures to All Generations

1. What is truth?

2. How does truth endure?

~Offering and Hymn 171 *O Word of God Incarnate*

*(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 "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~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.

~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: 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 181, vv. 5, 7 *O Ye Heights of Heav'n, Adore Him*

~Announcements

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

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

*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 262/192; 10:45am, 194/135

Monday: 30/24

Monthly Giving Update:



Given to the General Fund (Dec. 1-31)	\$133,851.33
Given to the Building Fund (Dec. 1-31)	\$27,490.00
<u>Total Given (Dec. 1-31)</u>	<u>\$161,341.33</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Dec. 31) (\$75,425/month x 6 months)	\$452,550.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Dec. 31)	<u>\$437,025.60</u>
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$15,524.40)</u>

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Eldon & Luann Sting,
Dan & Kathy Bruss

2nd Service: Dan & Joanne Maas,
Dean & Cathy Kluge

Ushers: 1st Service: Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz,
Seth Tweit, John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: David Munsen (captain), Matthew Munsen,
Dan Maas, Justin Maas, Craig Christiansen

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the Time & Talents Survey; **sign-up sheets for** New2You and Camp Indianhead; the **November edition of** the *Mission News & Helping Hands*; the **December edition of** *Thoughts of Faith*; the **December to March edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; **January editions of** the *Olive Press* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 13, 2019—January 20, 2019*

Sunday, January 13	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Lutheran Pioneers, at Mt. Olive No Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, January 14	9:30AM 10AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference, at Peace Veterans Bible Study Planned Giving Committee Divine Service Church Council Parish Ed & Youth Board
Tuesday, January 15	8AM 6:30PM	February <i>Olive Press</i> Newsletter Deadline Women's Bible Study Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday, January 16	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Class Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Senior Choir
Thurs., Jan. 17		
Fri., Jan. 18		
Saturday, January 19	9AM 5PM	Charger Classic Basketball Tournament Ambassadors Family Game Night w/Potluck Meal
Sunday, January 20	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Senior Youth Group Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by the MacPherson family.

Sign up for flowers: The 2019 sign-up sheet for flowers for the sanctuary is on the wall in the entry way next to the bulletin board. Please consider providing flowers or a plant to beautify our sanctuary.

Additional photo slots for the Mt. Olive Picture Directory have been added for **today** and **January 27**. To schedule your photo, go to our webpage (mtolivelutheran.org) and click the banner; or use an iPad at the "Welcome Table" in the Narthex; or call the church office at 507-345-4966. If you are still not able to make these slots, submit a personal photo to jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org or bring it to the church office.

Lutheran Pioneers meet **today at Mt. Olive**, 5-7PM. Dress in gym clothes, not your Sunday finest. Bring your bag supper. If you have questions, contact Denice Woller (Denice.Woller@blc.edu).

Mt. Olive Planned Giving Committee members: please note in your calendars that we will meet tomorrow evening, **January 14**, at 5:30PM.

Pick up your poinsettia: If you would like the poinsettia that you gave to church, please pick it up **before January 18**. Thank you.

Donations Needed! The Booster Club is looking for individuals who are willing to donate supplies for our 23rd annual Charger Classic tournament on Saturday, **January 19**. This is our one fund raiser for the sports programs here at Mt Olive. Click on the button located on the Athletic page on the Mt Olive Lutheran School's website, or use the following link: <http://signup.com/go/PjSTtfh>. Thank you for your support.

Join us for a potluck/family game night on Saturday, **January 19**, beginning at 5PM at Mt. Olive. See the January issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

Senior Youth Open Gym: Join us Sunday, **January 20**, from 6-8PM. We'll start with open gym at 6PM, followed by pizza around 7:15PM. The event is free. Bring a friend!

Save the date! The semi-annual voters' meeting is Sunday, **January 27**, at noon.

Our Winter Connect Group season is in gear. You can still join a group. There are a variety of Connect Groups who meet throughout the week to talk and delve deeper into God's Word and the sermons on Sunday. See details about each group at www.mtolivelutheran.org/connect-groups/ or in January's edition of the *Olive Press*.

The family of Brad Wosmek is most appreciative of the outpouring of love that you have provided them in the recent days. A letter from Jen Wosmek expressing their family's gratitude for your support is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

MOMs Group Diaper Drive: January is national Right to Life month. Please join the MOMs group in supporting Mankato's local pregnancy resource center, Options for Women, by donating diapers and new baby items. Options for Women is a life-affirming center. Contact Karla Reagles (board member at Options) for more information. A collection box is available in the narthex for your donations.

It's that time of year, again! Offering statements are ready for pick-up in the narthex today.

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex next to the church offices. If you are giving on-line and no longer use the paper envelopes, please let the church office know. Also, please discontinue using envelopes with blue numbers (2018) and begin using envelopes with black numbers (2019). Thank you.

After School Care has a list of items they would like to have for the kids, posted on the youth room door. Also needed: four men's small white short-sleeve dress shirts. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Graham: 507-720-7258. Thank you!

Camp Indianhead is July 7-12! Want to go? Look for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. Write your name and e-mail on the sheet. You will receive camp info and registration forms as soon as they are released. Connect with Lance Johnson if you have questions.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Thursday, January 17, at 7PM in the YFAC Gallery: Art lecture and reception for local photographer Wes Taylor. The show "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness: Photographic Light Paintings" by Wes Taylor will be on display in Bethany's YFAC gallery through February 9. Free and open to the public.

Bethany's winter musical is "Kiss Me, Kate." The six performances are February 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30PM and February 3 and 9 at 2:00PM. Tickets are available at theatre.blc.edu starting January 14 and from box office staff starting January 21: phone (507)-344-7374.

Notes from Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

Scrip Coordinator Needed: MVL is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to help order Scrip and fill orders for families. The time commitment for this position is about two hours on Monday and Friday mornings. If you're interested, contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851.

MVL has anniversary t-shirts available for purchase: \$10 for adults (S-3XL) and \$7 for youth (S-XL). Quantities of certain colors and sizes are limited, so order yours soon! Contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org or 507-233-8662.