



EPIPHANY 3

Sunday, January 27, 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 Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom 1:8-17). This was promised by God in the Old Testament, where God has proclaimed that He will provide healing and help (Jer 33:6-9). God is the one who will see that evil is overcome by good. He calls upon us to put our trust in Him to do this (Heb 11:10-16). We see this happening in the New Testament Lesson, where a leper demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Mt 8:1-4). All he needs is the Word of Christ for healing. He trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. We are all in need of this kind of humble attitude. For we know that apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation.*

Order of Service, Rite Three (p. 88). Rite Three from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH) present old liturgical texts set to new music. Composed with a modern congregation and modern vocal ranges in mind, the musical settings were written to be challenging yet approachable. Composed by former Bethany Lutheran College Choir Director, Alfred Fremder, Rite Three is musically fresh, yet theologically traditional. It has been a staple of the worship life for us at Mt. Olive since its release with the ELH in 1996. You are welcome to follow along with the musical notation in the front part of the Hymnary (pp. 88-106).



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 and opportunity for prayer

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

~**Opening Hymn 193, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

~**Invocation and Confession of Sins** — *Calling upon God & His forgiveness* (ELH p. 88)

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

C: Amen.

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins:

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~**Kyrie Eleison** — *“Lord Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 89; Mk 10:47)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison. Christ, have mercy on us. Christe eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison.

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness to you* (ELH p. 89; Ps 86:15)

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — *"Glory to God in the Highest"* (ELH p. 90; Lu 2:14, Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 92; p. 150 #24)

P: Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty, to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~**Men's Choir** — *The Only Son from Heaven* (ELH Hymn 224)



II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 33:6-9 Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'

~Gradual — *Response to hearing God's Word*

(ELH p. 92)

C: ♪ The Word of our God stands forever. Blessed be God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Word of our God stands forever.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

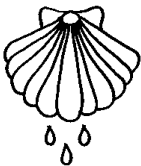
Matthew 8:1-13 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed him. Just then, a leper came to him and bowed down to him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean." Immediately he was healed of his leprosy. Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one. Instead, go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him and pleaded with him, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed and suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy for you to come under my roof. But only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am also a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled. He said to those who were following him, "Amen I tell you: I have not found such great faith in anyone in Israel. I tell you that many will come from the east and the west and will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Jesus said to the centurion, "Go. Let it be done for you as you have believed." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

~Alleluia — *"God Be Praised"*

(ELH p. 93)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Your Word is truth. Sanctify us in Your truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Order of Holy Baptism (2nd 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)

~Baptism of Sophia Linda Struck

(ELH p. 133ff)

~Apostles' Creed

(ELH p. 94)

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 197 *My Hope Is Built*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Hebrews 11:1, 8-16 Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see...By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore. One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

~Sermon Theme

Lord, Give Us Such a Faith As This!

1. A faith that begins with You.

2. A faith which endures all obstacles.

3. A faith which looks ahead to the goal.

~Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 96)

P: Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs.

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve You in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgment, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper!

P: We commend to Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.

P: Let Your blessing rest on seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people.

Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!

(Special intercessions may be added.)

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

~Offering & Hymn 361 *Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven*

*(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.)*

~Collect of Thanks

(ELH p. 105)

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

C: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal.

We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 105; 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.

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

(ELH p. 106; 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 151, vv. 5, 6 *My Savior, I Behold Thee*

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

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

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 231/173; 10:45am, 223/148;

Monday: 8/5

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)	\$437,025.60
<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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 27, 2019—February 3, 2019*

Sunday, January 27	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Voters' Meeting Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, January 28	10AM 6:30PM 7:15PM	Veterans Bible Study Divine Service Board of Stewardship
Tues., Jan. 29	8AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, January 30	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Class Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Senior Choir
Thurs., Jan. 31		
Fri., Feb. 1	6PM	Mt. Olive Night at MVL Basketball
Sat., Feb. 2	9:45AM-3:15PM	New2You Volunteers
Sunday, February 3	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM	Senior Choir Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another No Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptized today during 2nd service: Sophia Linda Struck, infant daughter of Karl & Laura Struck, was born January 7, 2019, at Mayo Hospital-Mankato. Her sponsors are Keith & Anna Struck. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

The semi-annual voters' meeting is today, at noon, in the sanctuary.

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.

Building Committee Update

Construction of the new addition is on schedule, thanks in large part to the favorable winter weather. Floor slabs from the various rooms previously at the back of the sanctuary have been removed in preparation for new floors that will match current aggregate floor in finished construction. By the end of January, roof decking, exterior wall framing and sheathing, and fire wall framing are scheduled to be complete.

Prayers of thanks: that the construction workers have been kept safe as they work; for favorable weather that has allowed construction to continue on schedule; and for additional grants and gifts beyond pledges that support the project financially. Mount Olive continues to be exceedingly blessed by our gracious Heavenly Father.

Offering statements and 2019 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up in the narthex **today**.

When you park on Marsh Street, please note: The neighbors on Marsh Street are asking that we not block the steps from the street to their houses. Thank you!

Mt. Olive Night at MVL! Watch our MVL Boys' Basketball teams take on Sleepy Eye St. Mary's High School on Friday, **February 1**. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6PM, and the Varsity game is at 7PM. Pick up complimentary tickets at the church office.

Attention 7th & 8th graders! Jr. Youth Nacho Night is Friday, **February 8**, from 6-8PM in the Mt. Olive Social Hall. Bring your favorite nacho toppers. There will be Bible study and games after eating. See the February issue of the *Olive Press* for details.

Moms On a Mission Bible studies resume in February. The Thursday morning study starts **February 7** at Peace Lutheran, and the Tuesday evening study starts **February 5** at Mt. Olive. Check the February issue of the *Olive Press* for more details.

MOMs Bible Study is looking for childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study on Thursday mornings, **February 7- April 25**. Go to the February edition of the *Olive Press* for more information.

Camp Indianhead is July 7-12! Want to go? Look for the sign-up sheet on the Narthex table. 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:

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 and from box office staff: phone 507-344-7374.

Notes from Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

High School Students: An admissions representative from Bethany Lutheran will be at MVL on Tuesday, **January 29**. Stop by and talk about your plans for the future.

Faithful Financial Fulfillment Seminar: You're invited to an enlightening and inspiring seminar on **February 10**, sponsored by the MVL Foundation. Discover how you can find faithful financial fulfillment wherever God has placed you. Visit mvl.org/campus-events for more details and to RSVP.

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.

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the Time & Talents Survey; **sign-up sheets for** New2You volunteers, Camp Indianhead, softball teams, and Baby Expo volunteers; the **December edition of** *Thoughts of Faith*; the **December to March edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; the **January edition of** the *ELS President's Newsletter*; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.

For all other new announcements, pick up your copy of the February issue of the *Olive Press* from the ushers today.