



## EPIPHANY 4

Sunday, February 3, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 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 **“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:** *In the season of Epiphany we see how Christ is manifested to us as One who possesses divine power. But we are also educated about His gracious nature as we see Jesus performing amazing wonders. This gracious nature was evident as God proclaimed to His people: “Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you....You are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1). This was the same message that Jesus shared with His disciples as they feared death in the storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 8:23-27). There was no need for the disciples to fear. God was still in control working for the good of His children. God asks us to still trust in Him and in His gracious nature--even as He is at work through means and various vocations that He has established, such as the governing authorities (Romans 13:1-10). Knowing we have a powerful and gracious God, we are encouraged to trust Him and the loving work that He is carrying out among us in our lives. This moves us to demonstrate our trust in Him by loving all people; with appreciative hearts, we seek to fulfill His Law.*

**Order of Service, Rite Three (p. 88).** Rite Three from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH) presents 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 261 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode**

~**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 #26)

P: Almighty God, You know that we are set in the midst of so many and great dangers, and that because of the weakness of our mortal nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.



## 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

**Isaiah 43:1-3** But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

**~Senior Choir — *Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace* - Samuel Sebastian Wesley**

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. (Is. 26:3)*

*The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day:*

*The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. (Ps. 139:11)*

*God is light, and with Him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)*

*Oh, let my soul live and it shall praise Thee! (Ps. 119:175)*

*For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forevermore. (Matt. 6:13)*

**~Epistle Lesson**

***Romans 13:8-10*** Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

**~Alleluia — “*God Be Praised*”**

*(ELH p. 93)*

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

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

*(ELH p. 95)*

**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 in 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 208, vv. 1, 3, 6, 8 *Thy Way and All Thy Sorrows*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon Text

**Matthew 8:23-27** When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the sea, so that their boat was covered by the waves. But Jesus was sleeping. They went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to die!" He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a complete calm. The men were amazed, saying, "What kind of a man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

~Sermon Theme

*"Have Faith in Jesus Whose Power Calms Storms"*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Offering & Hymn 208, vv. 7, 11, 12 *Arise, Arise! Thy Sadness*

*(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.)*

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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". 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** — *Preparing our hearts for Communion*

*(ELH p. 98; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)*

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

~**Epiphany Preface**

*(ELH p. 99; p. 74)*

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; and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~**Sanctus** — *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*(ELH p. 100)*

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed, blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

~**Lord’s Prayer**

*(ELH p. 101; Mt 6:9-13)*

**C: ♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

~**Words of Institution**

*(ELH p. 102; 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.”

~**Agnus Dei** — *“Lamb of God”*

*(ELH p. 103; Jn 1:29)*

**C:** ♪ **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

~**Distribution**

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

**Hymn 584 *Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord***

**Hymn 209, vv. 1, 2 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul***

**Hymn 210 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

**Hymn 209, vv. 3, 4 *Thou, O Christ, Are All I Want***

**Hymn 206 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus***

**Hymn 325 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee***

~**Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed*

*(ELH p. 56)*

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~**Collect of Thanksgiving**

*(ELH p. 104)*

P: Let us give thanks and pray. Almighty God and Father, we thank You for feeding us with the most precious body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

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

*(ELH p. 104; 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 597, vv. 2, 4 *Grant Us Thy Peace, Upon Our Homeward Way***

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

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

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Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen  
 Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux  
 Senior Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 238; 10:45am, 236;**

**Monday: 17**

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (Dec. 1-31)	\$133,851.33
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (Dec. 1-31)	\$27,490.00
<b><u>Total Given (Dec. 1-31)</u></b>	<b><u>\$161,341.33</u></b>
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
<b><u>Difference (Shortfall)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$15,524.40)</u></b>

*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](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.*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Mike & Deb Johnson,  
Peggy Harstad

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: David & Katie Sulzle,  
Jon & Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Ross Hermanson (captain), Craig Brown,  
Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge, Mark Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Scott Dzwonkowski (captain), Jim Gates,  
Dennis Soule, Kent Waletski

**Offering Counters:** Andy Overn, Chris Kind

**Altar Guild:** Elli Fisher, LuAnn Sting

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**Building Committee Update**

A couple of unforeseen issues were discovered during the site preparation phase that added additional expense to the project. The good news is that we have been blessed with some additional funding from grants and congregational gifts that have covered that additional expense and allowed us to stay within the approved project budget.

The project is proceeding on schedule! The current schedule (weather permitting) is to have the new addition enclosed by February 8th. The next step after enclosure will be to thaw the ground inside the new addition so the floors can be poured, which will then allow for work on the interior to begin.

The depression on the McConnell St. boulevard will be a “rain garden” pond. Rain gardens are required by the city so that water drainage from roofs that goes directly into the city storm sewer system is slowed during periods of heavy rainfall.

The Committee thanks John Sehloff for his work with WEB, ISG, ECS, and VSI to ensure that all of the technology and security needs for the new facility are being addressed.

The Committee also thanks Juel Merseth for his expertise and on-site presence as the “go to” person for any questions or requests that WEB has had regarding our current facility and the new construction.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 3, 2019—February 10, 2019**

<b>Sunday,</b> February 3	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM	<b>Senior Choir Sings</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another <b>No</b> Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> February 4	6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
<b>Tuesday,</b> February 5	8AM 6:30PM 7PM	Women’s Bible Study—“Job” Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> February 6	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Class—“Fellowship” Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Senior Choir
<b>Thurs., Feb. 7</b>	8:30AM	M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace
<b>Fri., Feb. 8</b>	6PM	Junior Youth Group Nacho Night
<b>Sat., Feb. 9</b>	5PM	Game Night, with Potluck
<b>Sunday,</b> February 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	<b>Youth Choir Sings</b> Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Lutheran Pioneers, at Peace Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible studies** resume this week. The Tuesday evening study starts **February 5** at Mt. Olive. The Thursday morning study starts **February 7** at Peace Lutheran. Learn more about these studies in the February issue of the *Olive Press*.

**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 edition of the *Olive Press* for details.

**Last Chance! Final photo slots for the Mt. Olive Picture Directory** are available on Wednesday, **February 13**, from 5:30-8PM. 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 unable to make these slots, submit a personal photo to jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org or bring it to the church office.

**Kindergarten Open House** is Thursday, **February 21**, at 6:30PM at Mt. Olive. More information is available in the February edition of the *Olive Press*.

**Volunteers Needed:** The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a booth at the Baby Expo held on **February 23** at the Verizon Center. The February issue of the *Olive Press* has more details. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex or contact Michelle Graham at 507-720-7258.

**Mission opportunity with Truth in Love Ministry in Utah:** Learn to spread the Gospel to Mormons and share in a great experience with other Christians. The dates for this year are (Week 1) June 8-15 or (Week 2) June 15-22. For more information, contact Jon Basel at jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org or Danee Haro at danee@tilm.org.

**Softball Players:** Spring will eventually come, and it's not too early to think about forming softball teams! There are sign-up sheets out in the narthex. Men's church league is on Monday nights, and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.

**Camp Indianhead is July 7-12!** 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." Performances are **today** at 2PM, **February 8** at 7:30PM, and **February 9** at 2:00PM and 7:30PM. Tickets are available at theatre.blc.edu, on weekday afternoons from the box office (507-344-7374), or in person the hour before each performance.

**The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary** will meet on Tuesday, **February 12** at 7PM in Meyer Hall, Room 130. Dr. Doyle Holbird will be speaking on “Medical Ethics at the End of Life.” Members of the Auxiliary will also conduct their regular business meeting. Anyone who is interested is invited and encouraged to attend. The February issue of the *Olive Press* has more details.

**Thursday, February 21, at 7PM in YFAC:** New Ulm artist and BLC art instructor Jason Jaspersen speaks about his work, with a reception to follow. The show "Carriers", displaying ceramic sculpture created during his residency at Saint John's Pottery Jerome Foundation Emerging Artist Program, will be on display February 14 - March 24. Free and open to the public.

**Notes from Minnesota Valley Lutheran:**

**See the February issue of the MVL Memo** bulletin insert for news and updates on events at MVL.

**Happening within our Sister Synod**

**Custodial Position Opening:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato is seeking applications for a part-time custodian at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center. This position is for 15 hours per week at \$11.75 per hour. Applications will be accepted through Monday, February 18. Stop in the church office for an application and position description. For more information, contact Chris Selvey, Facility Supervisor, at [facility@stpaulsnorthmankato.com](mailto:facility@stpaulsnorthmankato.com) or 507-469-0550.

**WLCFS (Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service)--Christian Family Solutions** is looking to hire in-home therapists and mental health practitioners for their Lakeville and Mankato counseling clinics. For more information, check the February issue of the *Olive Press*.

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**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** *Mission News & Helping Hands* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*; the **February issue of** the *Olive Press*; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.