



SEPTUAGESIMA

Sunday, February 17, 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.

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 worshipping 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 228 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast**

~**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. 151 #34)

P: O God, You see that we do not put our trust in anything we do: Mercifully grant, that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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** — *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* (ELH Hymn 1, vv. 1, 3, 4)



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.)

~**Epistle Lesson**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line

with their own desires. They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths. As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

~Alleluia — *“God Be Praised”*

(ELH p. 93)

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

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 8:4-15 As a large crowd was gathering and people from one town after another were making their way to him, he spoke using a parable. “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the path. It was trampled, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground. As soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up with it and choked it. Other seed fell into good soil. It grew and produced fruit—one hundred times as much as was sown.” As he said these things, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!” His disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean?” He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in parables so that ‘even though they see, they may not see, and even though they hear, they may not understand.’ This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear it, but then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts to keep them from believing and being saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root. So they believe for a while, but then fall away in a time of testing. The seeds that fell into the thorns are the ones who hear the word, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of life, so they do not mature. And the seeds in the good ground are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure.

~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 229, vv. 1, 2 *By Faith We Are Divinely Sure*

~Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! The Lord do so; the Lord perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Lord's house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent."

~Sermon Theme

"What Should We Believe?"

- 1. We hear many different messages.*
- 2. But, only the message of God's Word is true.*

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Offering & Hymn 229, vv. 3-5 *Though In a Dark and Fearsome Hour*

(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.)

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.

~**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.

~**General 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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 511, vv. 3, 4, 8, 9 *Lord Jesus, Help, Thy Church Uphold*

Hymn 322, vv. 1, 2 *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread*

Hymn 441 *O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

Hymn 322, vv. 3, 4 *O Bread of Heav’n, My Soul’s Delight*

Hymn 258, vv. 1, 6, 7 *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest*

Hymn 313, vv. 12-15 *With Thee, Lord, I Am Now United*

~**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 580** *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

~**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

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 **March 3-June 1 edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; the **January edition of** *Mission News & Helping Hands*; **February issues of** the *Olive Press*, the *ELS President's Newsletter*, and *Thoughts of Faith*; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 251; 10:45am, 166;

Monday: 19

Monthly Giving Update:



Given to the General Fund (Jan. 1-31)	\$53,238.88
Given to the Building Fund (Jan. 1-31)	<u>\$16,158.00</u>
Total Given (Jan. 1-31)	<u>\$69,396.88</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Jan. 31) (\$75,425/month x 7 months)	\$527,975.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Jan. 31)	\$490,264.48
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$37,710.52)</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:** Mike & Deb Johnson,
Peggy Harstad

2nd Service: David & Katie Sulzle,
Jon & Nikki Basel

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

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

Offering Counters: Andy Overn, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Elli Fisher, LuAnn Sting

WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 17, 2019—February 24, 2019

Sunday, February 17	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	CDS @ MLC BB Tournament Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another NO Senior Youth Group Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, February 18	6:30PM 7:30PM	No CDS Divine Service w/Holy Communion Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, February 19	8AM 6:30PM 7PM	Women’s Bible Study, Old Testament Book “Job” Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, February 20	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Class—“Fellowship” Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Senior Choir
Thursday, February 21	8:30AM 6:30PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace Kindergarten Round-Up
Friday, February 22	10:15AM 5PM	Service at Pathstone Lego League
Sat., Feb. 23	9AM-1PM	Evangelism Committee Volunteers at Baby Expo
Sunday, February 24	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! “We would like to thank you all for the good wishes, notes and cards, and especially the prayers during the last seven very trying months! All were very much appreciated. And special thanks to our two Pastors for their visits and prayers. We are truly blessed here at Mt Olive!” --Ernie and Marge Lillo

From the Kiwanis Holiday Lights Board: “Dear Mount Olive Lutheran School, Thank you for all your volunteer contributions to the 7th annual Kiwanis Holiday Lights. We appreciate your assistance!” Included with the thank you note was a check for \$435 for tuition assistance.

Thank you Mt. Olive members for your generous donations to Options for Women. Together we donated over two hundred diapers and baby items! Please contact Karla Reagles at 608-385-2694 for more information on how to volunteer or donate.

Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) have begun their Spring session of Bible studies. New moms are always welcome to join; studies are on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Learn more about these studies in the February issue of the *Olive Press*.

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.

Starting Monday, March 4, there will be no Monday evening services during the Lenten season. Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on March 6 and the Lenten services each Wednesday evening in March.

Save your toilet paper rolls, as an upcoming Easter project needs many! Toilet paper rolls can be dropped off in the school office. Thank you.

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: sign-up sheets for softball teams are on the narthex table. Men’s church league plays on Monday nights, and co-ed league plays 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.

KwikTrip Cards: KwikTrip has offered Mt. Olive a 10% savings on their cards. Buy the cards at face value; 10% of your purchase goes to Mt. Olive Church Youth Group activities, including Camp Indianhead, LYA, and Honor Choir. Cards ranging from \$5 to \$100 are available. Contact Rebecca Strom at 507-386-0372 for more information.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

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. His sculptures will be on display through March 24.

Monday, February 25, at 7PM in YFAC Silber Hall: a presentation by Elisabeth Urtel on Anna B. Hoppe: Her Life and Hymnody. Ms. Urtel has written a book about this little-known but prolific WELS hymnwriter. She will be assisted by Prof. Dennis Marzolf on piano. Learn about a side of Lutheran hymnody you've never seen before!

Wednesday, February 27, at 7PM in Trinity Chapel: The BLC Concert Band Spring Tour Concert.

The Lutheran Homeschool Association 2019 Spring Symposium is **Saturday, March 9**, 3PM-7:45PM. To register, go to the ELS Homeschool Facebook group or e-mail LutheranHomeschoolAssociation@gmail.com for a link to the registration page. Please register by March 1. A flyer with more information is on the narthex table.

A Bethany Seminary student, his wife and infant child need housing. Contact Chaplain Don Moldstad at (507)344-7312 if you know of something that's available.

Notes From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

Save the date: Sunday, March 3, for MVL's Pork Chop dinner, from 10:30AM-1PM, followed by the annual Winter Band concert at 1:30PM. More information is available in the February issue of the MVL *Memo* on the narthex table.

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. Contact Chris Selvey at facility@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or 507-469-0550 for more information.

WLCFS (Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service)--Christian Family Solutions is looking to hire in-home therapists and mental health practitioners for the Lakeville and Mankato areas. Check the February issue of the *Olive Press* for details.