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Sunday, February 24, 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 people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Mt 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair. But in fact he was not being unfair but generous. The Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first, those who rely on their own merits, will be last. "Their bodies were scattered in the wilderness." But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor 9:24 & 10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin. Therefore, "Let him who glories, glory in the Lord." (Jer 9:23-24).*

**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).



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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 227, vv. 1, 3-6 — Salvation Unto Us Is Come**

~**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 #32)

P: O Lord, we beseech You favorably to hear the prayers of Your people, that we who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Your gracious goodness, for the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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## 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

**Exodus 17:1-7** Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, “Give us water, that we may drink.” So Moses said to them, “Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?” And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!” And the Lord said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your

rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

~**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.**

~**Epistle Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5** Do you not know that when runners compete in the stadium, they all run, but only one receives the prize? Run like that—to win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable victor’s wreath, but we do it for an imperishable one. That is why there is nothing aimless about the way I run. There is no pummeling of the air in the way I box. Instead I hit my body hard and make it my slave so that, after preaching to others, I myself will not be rejected. For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

~**Alleluia** — *“God Be Praised”*

(ELH p. 93)

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

~**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 226, vv. 1, 4 *By Grace I'm Saved***

**~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

***Matthew 20:1-16*** “Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’ “They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ “He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’ “When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: ‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’ “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

**~Sermon Theme**

***“Be Thankful God Isn’t Fair!”***

**~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.**

**~Apostolic Benediction**

*(ELH p. 97)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**~Offering & Hymn 226, vv. 5, 8-10 *By Grace! This Ground of Faith Is Certain***

*(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 227, vv. 10-14** *Faith to the Cross of Christ Doth Cling*

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

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

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Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Baumann  
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**On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for** New2You volunteers and softball teams; **Camp Indianhead registration forms** and sign-up sheets; the **January edition of Mission News & Helping Hands**; **February issues of** the ELS *President's Newsletter* and *Thoughts of Faith*; the **March 3-June 1 edition of Meditations Daily Devotions**; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.

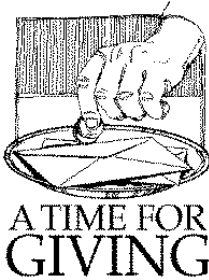


**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday:** 8:30am, 219/153; 10:45am, 156/102;

**Monday:** 34/25

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (Jan. 1-31)	\$53,238.88
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (Jan. 1-31)	\$16,158.00
<b><u>Total Given (Jan. 1-31)</u></b>	<b><u>\$69,396.88</u></b>
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
<b><u>Difference (Shortfall)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$37,710.52)</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.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** **1<sup>st</sup> Service:** 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

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *February 24, 2019—March 3, 2019***

<b>Sunday,</b> 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
<b>Monday,</b> February 25	10AM 6:30PM 6PM	Veterans' Bible Study Divine Service Board of Stewardship
<b>Tuesday,</b> February 26	8AM 7PM	Women's Bible Study, Old Testament Book "Job" M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> February 27	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Class—"Adiaphora" Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Senior Choir
<b>Thurs., Feb. 28</b>	8:30AM	M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace
<b>Fri., Mar. 1</b>		
<b>Sat., Mar. 2</b>	9:45AM-3:15PM	New2You Volunteers
<b>Sunday,</b> March 3	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	<b>Sunday School Choir Sings</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 and on April 3 and 10.

**After School Care is in need of fabric scraps** that will be cut into strips for an upcoming project. Please bring your unwanted/left over material to the youth room. Thank you.

**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.

**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](mailto:jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org) or Danee Haro at [danee@tilm.org](mailto: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 and registration materials on the narthex table. Connect with Lance Johnson if you have questions.

**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.

**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:**

**Today, at 7:30PM in HH 219:** Celebrate Black History Month by attending a dramatic reading of Lorraine Hansberry's final play "Les Blancs". Readers include Amir Trotter, Jean-Marc Lubiba, Hans Bloedel, Olivia Lippert, Jacob Kempfert, Maren Thompson, Ian Overn, Sophia Weisensel, and Paul Agenten. This one-night-only experience includes refreshments and is sponsored by CIDR and World Club.

**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 performs. The Concert Band is on tour in February and March. Their program features a variety of selections that will entertain and educate audiences of all ages. Included are several beautiful, lyrical tunes: "Be Thou My Vision," "Salvation Is Created," and

“Nostalgia,” while other selections will be both powerful and exciting: John Philip Sousa’s “The Thunderer,” Hans Zimmer’s “Pirates of The Caribbean: At World’s End,” and John Powell’s “How to Train Your Dragon.” The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill donation will be received to help offset tour expenses.

**The Lutheran Homeschool Association 2019 Spring Symposium** is **Saturday, March 9**, 3PM-7:45PM, at BLC. To register, go to the ELS Homeschool Facebook group or e-mail [LutheranHomeschoolAssociation@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Notes From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:**

**Sunday, March 3:** 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 March issue of the *Olive Press*.

**Happening Within Our Sister Synod:**

**Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato** is taking applications for teacher aides. Hours of work are 3:30-5PM or 3:30-5:30 PM. For more information, call 345-7707 or 507-508-2041, or email [directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com](mailto:directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com).

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