

QUINQUAGESIMA/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, March 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: *From Martin Luther's sermon on the Baptism of Christ, 1534: "God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are indeed in and with this water of Baptism, as they were there on the banks of the Jordan when Christ stood in the water, the Holy Spirit hovered over it, and God the Father spoke. This is why Baptism is a water that takes away sin, death, and every evil and helps us to enter heaven and eternal life....Since He is in this water, this must be the real aqua vitae, the "water of life," which drives away death and hell and makes one eternally alive."*

Order of Service, Rite Three (p. 88). You are welcome to follow along with the musical notation in the front part of the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH)*, 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 240 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

(vv. 1, 2: Sunday School Choir; v. 3: Congregation)

~**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. 152 #37)

P: Father in heaven, as at our Lord’s baptism in the Jordan river You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in His name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with Him be heirs of life eternal; 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 42:1-9 “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk

on it: “I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

~**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**

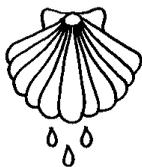
1 Peter 3:17-22 Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

~**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 Anna Grace Londgren**

(ELH p. 133ff)

~**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 247, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5** *To Jordan Came Our Lord*

~**Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the Jordan. But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. After Jesus was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and landing on him, and a voice out of the heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with him."

~**Sermon Theme**

"An Unexpected Baptism"

1. An unexpected request.

2. An unexpected sight.

3. An unexpected voice.

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Offering & Hymn 248, vv. 1-4 *Now Christ, the Sinless Son of God*

*(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 236, vv. 1, 2 *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

Hymn 246, vv. 1-4 *God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

Hymn 328, v. 7 *Jesus, Sun of Life*

Hymn 236, vv. 3, 4 *Let Us Also Die With Jesus*

Hymn 328, v. 8 *Lord, By Love and Mercy Driven*

~**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 246, v. 5** *There Is Nothing Worth Comparing*

~**Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See "Prayers for Worship" —ELH p. 40)

Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Sunday School Choir Director: Katie Sulzle / Accompanist: Malia Merseth

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

1. Despite the unfavorable weather in February, WEB project manager Josh Williams, reports that he is not concerned about the construction timeline at this point.
2. The WEB construction crew has been removing snow from the roof after each snowfall and have continue installing roofing whenever and wherever possible.
3. Weather permitting, WEB's plan is to complete enclosure of the new addition the week of February 25 and then start heating the space to thaw the ground so plumbing and electrical work can begin.

This has begun to be a challenging weather period, but progress continues. May our prayers and offerings continue as well as we eagerly anticipate additional evidences of spring and the expansion of our facility.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 140; 10:45am, 101;
Monday: 20

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>

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

*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:** Don & Beth Westphal,
Craig & Jane Zibrowski

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger

Ushers: **1st Service:** Nathan Graham (captain), Art Westphal,
Chad Sorensen, Darrell Iverson, Ray Iverson

2nd Service: Bob Fosburgh (captain), Blake Fosburgh,
Lance Johnson, Paul Tweit, William Enz

Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: LuAnn Sting, Carol Leiferman

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

Sunday, March 3	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Sunday School Choir Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, March 4	6:30PM 6:45PM	No Evening Service Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday, March 5	8AM 6:30PM 7PM	Women’s Bible Study, Old Testament Book “Job” Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, March 6	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Ash Wednesday: Senior Choir Chapel Bible Class—“Adiaphora” Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Lenten Meal: Chili, served by Bethany Auxiliary Ash Wednesday Service w/Holy Communion Senior Choir
Thurs. Mar. 7	8:30AM	M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace
Fri., Mar. 8	6PM	Junior Youth Group
Sat., Mar. 9		
Sunday, March 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40 AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	Daylight Savings Time Begins Lutheran Schools Week CDS Band, Choir Divine Service Band Bake Sale Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Ron & Mary Younge.

Baptized Today During 2nd Service: Anna Grace Londgren, infant daughter of Trevor and Jennifer Londgren, was born February 15, 2019, in Mankato. Her sponsors are Benjamin & Breanna Castiglione. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

Starting Monday, March 4: no Monday evening services during the Lenten season. Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on **March 6** and services each Wednesday evening in March and on April 3 and 10. See the March issue of the *Olive Press* for more details on the Lenten meals and the services.

Chili Supper: Wednesday, **March 6**, 5-6:30PM, sponsored by the Bethany Auxiliary. Also served: chicken noodle soup, French bread, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, and assorted cookies. All proceeds go toward Auxiliary projects.

Set your clocks 1 hour ahead! Daylight Savings Time starts next Sunday, **March 10**.

Last chance to submit photos for the Photo Directory: midnight, **March 10**. Submit personal photos to jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org, or bring them to the church office, or go to our website at mtolivelutheran.org and click the banner at the top of the page.

Lutheran Schools Week is March 10-15. The CDS Band and All-School Choir will perform at both services on Sunday, March 10. The 8th grade/faculty volleyball game is Thursday, March 14, at 1:30PM. The Family Dance Night is Friday, March 15, at 6:30PM. Watch the *Herald* for more details about these and other upcoming events.

Kwik Trip's Milk Moola program is ending—turn in your caps or bag strips by **March 15**.

Lutheran Pioneers will meet at the Lake Crystal Area Rec. Center for their annual swim/gym event on Sunday, **March 17**. Check the March *Olive Press* for more details.

Save your cardboard tubes, as an upcoming Easter project needs over 300 empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes! They can be dropped off in the school office.

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.

Camp Indianhead Update: Mt. Olive members must register for Camp Indianhead by **June 8** in order to receive a \$50 reimbursement. When registering for camp, Mt Olive

members will submit the difference of the camp fee (\$240). Connect with Lance Johnson if you have questions.

KwikTrip Cards: KwikTrip has offered Mt. Olive a 10% savings on their cards. Cards ranging from \$5 to \$100 are available. Contact Rebecca Strom at 507-386-0372 for more information.

Mt Olive Crafters meet each Tuesday from 1-5PM at the home of Janet Wassman, 25 Crown Hill Lane, Mankato. We have activities for all skill levels. It's not just sewing, knitting or crocheting; if cutting, pinning, pasting or fellowship is of interest, we'd love to have you join us. See the display in the Narthex. Call Janet at 507-380-3281 for more details.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

The Lutheran Homeschool Association 2019 Spring Symposium is Saturday, March 9, 3PM-7:45PM, at BLC. A flyer with more information is on the narthex table.

Notes From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

See the March MVL Memo bulletin insert for the latest updates.

Within Our Sister Synod:

The 4th Annual Men of Truth Conference is Saturday, March 23 at the Martin Luther College Auditorium, from 8AM-2PM. See the March edition of the *Olive Press* for registration information or the poster on the bulletin board in the narthex.

2019 Youth Lock-In: Calling All 4th – 8th graders! The fun begins Friday, March 29, at 9:00PM at the Lake Crystal Rec. Center and concludes Saturday, March 30, 8:00AM at the Beacon. There will be swimming, basketball, pizza, late night worship, and much more! Registration forms are available on the narthex table, or you can register online at mankatocampusministry.org

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is taking applications for teacher aides. For more information, email directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com.

On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for New2You volunteers, softball teams and the Beacon Center Youth Lock-In; **Camp Indianhead registration forms** and sign-up sheets; the **January edition of Mission News & Helping Hands**; the **February issue of Thoughts of Faith**; **March editions of the Olive Press** and the *ELS President's Newsletter*, and the **March 3-June 1 issue of Meditations Daily Devotions**.