



LENT 3

& NEW MEMBER WELCOME SUNDAY

Sunday, March 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) or sign our guest book in the entry. 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.

Explanation of the Week: *The old evil foe, Satan, is at work to afflict Christians and to do all that he can to tear down God’s people. Christians, however, hold to the victory and triumph of Christ over the devil. We are joined together with Him who has the power to cast a “Legion” of demons from a man (Luke 8:26-39). As we face challenges from our spiritual enemies, we, like David, turn to the Lord as our “rock,” “fortress,” and “deliverer” (2 Samuel 22:2). Instead of giving into the temptations of the deceiver, we who have been saved from such enemies now strive to “Walk as children of light” (Ephesians 5:9).*



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 & opportunity for prayer*

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

~**Opening Hymn 259, vv. 1, 3, 5** *The Kingdom Satan Founded*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

(ELH p. 60; Matt 28:19)

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

C: **♫ Amen.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — *Admitting our guilt & receiving God's forgiveness*

(ELH p. 60-61, II; Ps 124:8, Ps 32:5)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **♫ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: **♫ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

~Hymn 298, vv. 2, 4, 8 God in Pity Saw Us Fallen

~Salutation — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 66; p. 153 #44)

P: We beseech You, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Men's Choir *In Thee, O Lord* (F. J. Haydn)

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust.

Bow down Thine ear unto me, Make haste to deliver me.

Be Thou also my guide, O Lord. Draw me out of the net --

The wicked have thrown to ensnare me. For Thou art my God.

Into Thine hands I commend my spirit.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust,

For Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

O Lord, Thou art my God!

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

2 Samuel 22:1-7 Then David spoke to the Lord the words of this song, on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. And he said: "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. "When the

waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.

~Lenten Sentence

(ELH p. 67)

C: ♪ Christ has humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death; ev'n the death of the Cross.

~Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:1-9 Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. So do not share in what they do. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 68-69)

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 261 *Who Trusts in God, A Strong Abode*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Luke 8:26-39 They sailed down to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town met him. He was possessed by demons and for a long time had not worn any clothes. He did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What do I have to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!" For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. In fact, the unclean spirit had seized him many times. He was kept under guard, and although he was bound with chains and shackles, he would break the restraints and was driven by the demon into deserted places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," because many demons had gone into him. They were begging Jesus that he would not order them to go into the abyss. A herd of many pigs was feeding there on the mountain. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. The demons went out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. When those who were feeding the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and reported it in the town and in the countryside. People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet. He was clothed and in his right mind, and the people were afraid. Those who saw it told them how the demon-possessed man was saved. The whole crowd of people from the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were gripped with great fear. As Jesus got into the boat and started back, the man from whom the demons had gone out begged to be with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home and tell how much God has done for you." Then he went through the whole town proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

~Sermon Message

"A Demonstration of Our Savior's Power"

1. See how it drove away a powerful enemy.
2. See how it aroused fear among those who witnessed it.
3. See how it transformed a human life.

~Offertory — *Prayer of renewal before offering*

(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~Offering & Organ Voluntary

*(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.)*

~ Reception of New Members (1st Service)



(At this time, we ask our new members to come forward and gather around the altar area. This special rite serves to receive Christians as new members of our congregation either by transfer or profession of faith. We receive these new members as our brothers and sisters in Christ and pledge to offer our prayers and any other spiritual and physical assistance that we can provide for them. If you are a visitor and are interested in learning more about church membership and what it means to be a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, please speak with our pastors. We would love to talk with you more about that!)

~Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 71-72)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

(Special petitions are included)

P: For..., let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, heavenly Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit we faithfully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. We praise You for His victorious resurrection from the dead. We thank You for the strength of grace and majesty of faith which He bestows on the Church by virtue of His ascension to Your right hand, where He intercedes for us as our Advocate and High Priest. Grant that the Holy Spirit will gather us into the company of all the faithful from the ends of the earth, so that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. In Your mercy receive our prayers. Deliver us and preserve us. To You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 85; 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.

~Hymn 289, vv. 1, 3, 4, 5 *Join All the Glorious Names*

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(ELH p. 85, 1)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

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

(ELH p. 87; 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 289, vv. 6, 7 *My Advocate Appears*

~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: John Baumann / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Welcome, New Members!

Martin Brown

Roger & Kay Hislop, Lexie, Emma, Kristi, Abbie, RJ, Susie, Will and Katie

Phil & Abby Matzke, Clara, Ethan, Justin, and Heidi

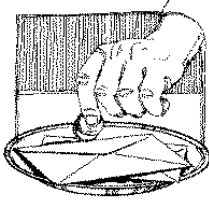
Karl & Laura Struck and Porter and Sophia

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 224/182; 10:45am, 173/117

Wednesday: 193

Monthly Giving Update:



**A TIME FOR
GIVING**

Given to the General Fund (Feb. 1-28)	\$50,686.93
Given to the Building Fund (Feb. 1-28)	\$17,193.55
<u>Total Given</u> (Feb. 1-28)	<u>\$67,880.48</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Feb. 28) (\$75,425/month x 8 months)	\$603,400.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Feb. 28)	\$540,951.41
<u>Difference (Shortfall)</u>	<u>(\$62,448.59)</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 24, 2019—March 31, 2019*

Sunday, March 24	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	New Member Sunday Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/New Member Reception Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, March 25	11AM 7:30PM	No Veterans' Bible Study (in lieu of funeral) Funeral Service—Robert E. Goetzke No Evening Service Evangelism Committee
Tuesday, March 26	8AM 7PM	Women's Bible Study, Old Testament Book "Job" M.O.M.s Bible Study
Wednesday, March 27	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	BOGO Book Fair Chapel Bible Class—"Mission Work" Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Lenten Meal: Ball Park Vendor Fare, served by the Softball Team Lenten Midweek Service Senior Choir
Thursday, March 28	8:30AM	BOGO Book Fair M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace
Friday, March 29		BOGO Book Fair No Red Cross Blood Drive
Sat., Mar. 30		
Sunday, March 31	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	BOGO Book Fair Senior Choir Sings Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photographs from Woller Photography are on the narthex table—pick up yours today.

Funeral services for Robert E. Goetzke will be held at Mt. Olive on Monday, **March 25**, at 11AM. Visitation will be from 10-11AM at the church. Lunch will be served at the church following the service. May God comfort all of Bob's family and friends.

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Progress continues on our new construction in spite of a lack of cooperation from the winter weather. Here's the latest:

- Roofing is completed except for some detail work.
- The new construction is "dried in," meaning that the roof is tight and all door and window openings have been covered by wood or plastic.
- The exterior walls of the new addition have now been insulated.
- Temporary lighting will now be installed in the new construction area.
- Heat is now being run into the new construction space in order to thaw the ground. This thawing will probably take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
- While the ground thaws, work will continue on overflow piping from the roof and all above-ground piping and draining.
- After the ground is thawed, work will begin on the installation of underground utilities.
- Fine tuning of details is ongoing, as construction update meetings continue on a bi-weekly basis.

Please pray for progress on the construction, the safety of all who labor on the building, wisdom in all the decisions that must be made during construction, contributions toward the project to continue to flow from thankful hearts, and for all to be done to God's glory and according to His will.

A reminder: There are **no** Monday evening services during the Lenten season. Join us for our services each Wednesday evening on March 27, April 3 and April 10. See the March issue of the *Olive Press* for more details on the Lenten meals and the services.

Lenten Meal, Wednesday, **March 27**, 5-6:30PM: Ball Park Vendor Fare, served by the Softball Team.



Come One, Come All: The "BOGO Book Fair" opens Wednesday, March 27, at 2:30PM. It will run on Thursday from 2:30-6:00PM, on Friday from 2:30-6:00PM, and on Sunday from 9:30-11:55AM. Come check out the spring selection of books. Remember "BOGO" means you get TWO books for the price of ONE. Giving the "gift of the love of books" is one of the best presents a child can get.

Red Cross Blood Drive Update: The blood drive that was originally scheduled for Friday, March 29, at Mt. Olive has been **postponed to June 5**. More details will be available in the May *Olive Press*.

If you haven't already done so, please direct your 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School at Thrivent.com, as they expire on **March 31**.

Easter Sunday tulips for the sanctuary: A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table; cost is \$14. The deadline for sign-up is Sunday, March 31.

All Seniors: you are invited to "Arts in the Afternoon", Thursday, **April 4**, 12:30-2PM. Enjoy an afternoon of performances and dessert with our Mt. Olive CDS students.

Join us for the 3rd Annual Mt. Olive Talent Showcase, Friday, **April 5**, at 6:30PM. All students will be performing with their classes, art will be displayed in the gym, and individual acts will dazzle the audience with their gifts. Don't miss this exciting school event!

Volunteer Opportunity! Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee will be hosting "Easter for Kids" on Saturday, **April 13**, from 9AM 1PM. You can help with crafts, gym time, lunch, etc. Sign up in the Narthex or call Michelle Graham at 507-720-7258.

Lost: a men's gray and black Columbia jacket, with brown gloves in the the pockets. Call Keith Anderson at 507-514-4495 if you find it.

Have you heard of the Scrip Program? Did you know Mt Olive offers it? It's easy to join and can go towards your child's tuition, the tuition assistance fund, or the tuition reduction fund. Physical gift cards, Reload/Reload Now gift cards and ScripNow are available. Contact Sara K. at 507-279-2909 or Tiffany R. at 507-317-2958 or e-mail questions to: scrip@mtolivelutheran.org.

Planned Giving Update: At Mount Olive, we are blessed to have information, tools, an endowment fund, a trust fund, and also knowledgeable individuals connected to our church and school that can help you with the process of setting up a planned gift. To learn more, please pick up a planned giving brochure at the narthex table, or go to the Mount Olive webpage and look under the "Serving" tab. You could also mention your interest to our Mount Olive pastors, and they would be willing to direct you to the appropriate person to discuss setting up a planned gift for the church and school.

Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:

Tuesday, March 26, at 7PM in Trinity Chapel: organ recital by Nathan Madson.

Thursday, March 28, at 7PM in Trinity Chapel: senior music recital by Tony Cordes.

Saturday, March 30, in Trinity Chapel:

at 2PM: senior voice recital by Natalie Dworak.

at 7PM: performances by Cynthia Krause, Ruth Mayer, Kayla Jannsen, the Mary Martha singers, and an organ solo.

Sunday, March 31, at 3PM in Trinity Chapel: a benefit concert performed by Classic Brass Quintet of Rochester and Blue River Combo of Mankato. Donations will be accepted for research in the speech disorder Spasmodic Dysphonia.

Monday, April 1, at 7PM in Trinity Chapel: piano recital by Sarah Wei.

Thursday, April 4, at 7PM in the YFAC Gallery: art show and reception by senior art majors Sophia Weisensel, Sarah Oas, Laura Sonnek, and Tessa MacPherson.

Spring Play--*Letters to Anne of Green Gables*: Friday and Saturday, **April 5, 6, 12 and 13** at 7:30PM, and Sunday, **April 7**, at 2PM. Get tickets from theater.blc.edu or afternoons from the box office (507-344-7374). \$10 tickets for all.

Notes From Minnesota Valley Lutheran:

Saturday, April 6, 3-5PM: Tiaras & Ties Father-Daughter Dance, for girls in preschool through fifth grade and the significant men in their lives. See the poster in the narthex or the March issue of the MVL *Memo* on the narthex table for details.

Within Our Sister Synod:

2019 Youth Lock-In: Calling All 4th – 8th graders! The fun begins Friday, **March 29**, at 9PM at the Lake Crystal Rec. Center and concludes Saturday, March 30, at 8AM at the Beacon. Registration forms are available on the narthex table, or you can register online at mankatocampusministry.org.

On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for New2You volunteers, softball teams, volunteers for “Easter for Kids”, Easter tulips, 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**.