

## LENT 4

Sunday, March 31, 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 Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness. (Ex 16:2-21) Now He who is Himself the Living Bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the 5000. (Jn 6:1-15) This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude followed Jesus across the Sea, when He went up on a mountain. Thus we see that Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mt. Sinai and makes us free children of the promise. (Gal 4:21-31) By faith we receive the Bread of Life, who is Jesus Himself, “the Bread of God who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” (John 6:33-35) So it is that God’s people “shall neither hunger nor thirst.” (Is 49:8-13) For He abundantly provides for them in both body and soul.*



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 265** *Wide Open Are Thy Hands*

~**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.**

~**Kyrie Eleison** — “Lord, Have Mercy”

(ELH p. 63, II; Mk 10:47)

**C:** ♪ Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

~**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 #47)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, by Your Son You fed five thousand men in the wilderness with five loaves and two fish: We beseech You graciously to abide also with us in the fullness of Your blessing. Preserve us from greed and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and in all things perceive Your fatherly goodness; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~**Senior Choir** *O Bread of Life From Heaven* (J. S. Bach)

*O Bread of life from heaven,*

*To weary pilgrims given,*

*O Manna from above:*

*The souls that hunger feed Thou,*

*The hearts that seek Thee feed Thou,*

*With Thy most sweet and tender love.*

*Jesus, this Feast receiving,*

*Thy Word of Truth believing,*

*We Thee unseen adore:*

*Grant, when our life is ended,*

*That we, to heaven ascended,*

*May see Thy glory evermore.*

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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 16:9-21** Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your complaints.’ ” Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the

morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' " So it was that quail came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat. This is the thing which the Lord has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.' " Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning." Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. So they gathered it every morning, every man according to his need. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

#### ~Lenten Sentence

(ELH p. 67; Phil 2:8)

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

#### ~Senior Choir *Verily, Verily I Say Unto You* (Thomas Tallis)

*Verily, verily I say unto you,*

*Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood,*

*Ye have no life in you.*

*Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath eternal life,*

*And I will raise him up at the last day.*

*For My flesh is meat indeed, And My blood is drink indeed.*

*He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him.*

(John 6:53-56)

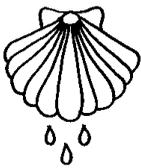
#### ~Epistle Lesson

**Galatians 4:21-31** Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you really listening to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman, and one by the free woman. However, the son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but the son by the free woman was born through a promise. These things can be used as an illustration; namely, the women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children into slavery. This is Hagar. You see, this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and she corresponds to present-day Jerusalem, because Jerusalem is in slavery along with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free.

She is our mother. For it is written: Rejoice, barren woman who does not give birth. Break forth and shout for joy, woman who does not suffer birth pains, because the barren woman has more children than does the woman who has a husband. Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of the promise. But just as back then the one who was born according to the flesh persecuted the one who was born according to the Spirit, so this is also the case now. But what does the Scripture say? “Throw out the slave woman and her son, because the son of the slave woman will certainly not receive the inheritance with the son of the free woman.” For this same reason, brothers, we are not children of a slave woman, but of the free woman.

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### The Order of Holy Baptism (2<sup>nd</sup> 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)*

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### ~Baptism of Matthew Esten Finken

*(ELH p. 133ff)*

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### ~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 263, vv. 1-5 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

### ~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

**John 6:28-35** So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he

sent.” Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!” “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

### ~Sermon Message

*“Believe in Jesus and Partake of the Bread of 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.)*

### ~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 264, v. 5 Hence, All Fear and Sadness**

~**Collect of Thanksgiving**

(ELH p. 86, II)

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.**

~**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 262 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

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

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

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Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux

Senior Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 359; 10:45am, 185**

**Wednesday: 161**

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (Feb. 1-28)	\$50,686.93
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (Feb. 1-28)	\$17,193.55
<b><u>Total Given (Feb. 1-28)</u></b>	<b><u>\$67,880.48</u></b>
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
<b><u>Difference (Shortfall)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$62,448.59)</u></b>

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Steve & Lois Jaeger

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31, 2019—April 7, 2019***

<p><b>Sunday,</b> March 31</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM</p>	<p><b>BOGO Book Fair</b> <b>Senior Choir Sings</b> Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p><b>Monday,</b> April 1</p>	<p>3:30PM 6:30PM 8PM</p>	<p><b>No Evening Service</b> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Board of Education Board of Deacons</p>
<p><b>Tuesday,</b> April 2</p>	<p>8AM 6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women’s Bible Study, Old Testament Book “Job” Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study</p>
<p><b>Wednesday,</b> April 3</p>	<p>8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5PM  6:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Chapel Bible Class—“Christian Education” Youth Choir 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Lenten Meal: Pulled pork sandwiches, served by the Junior Youth Group Lenten Midweek Service Senior Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday,</b> April 4</p>	<p>8:30AM 12:30PM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace Arts in the Afternoon</p>
<p><b>Fri.,</b> Apr. 5</p>	<p>6:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Talent Night</p>
<p><b>Saturday,</b> April 6</p>	<p><b>8AM</b> 9:45-3:15PM</p>	<p><b>Church Spring Cleaning</b> New2You Volunteers</p>
<p><b>Sunday,</b> April 7</p>	<p>8:30AM <b>9:40AM</b> 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM</p>	<p><b>Youth Choir Sings, CDS Band</b> (preservice music) Divine Service w/Holy Communion <b>Band Bake Sale</b> Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers:** The pansies in the chancel today are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal. All other flowers, including those on the altar, are from the Robert E. Goetzke family.

**Baptized Today During 2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Matthew Esten Finken, infant son of Joseph and Beret Finken, was born March 14, 2019, in Mankato. His sponsors are Bailey and Issac Schmidt. May he ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:

1. Construction status:

**a:** The new construction area is now enclosed and the ground has been thawed to a depth of about 3 feet. **b:** Work on the roof drainage system continues. **c:** Clean-up continues in the new construction area in preparation for upcoming work there.

2. Construction schedule timeline through April 20: **a:** Work will begin on underground utilities as soon as the frost is completely thawed out of the ground in the new construction work area. **b:** After the ground is thawed, samples of exposed aggregate can be poured to determine the best match with the sanctuary floor. **c:** More temporary lighting will be installed in the new construction area. **d:** Work will begin on flashing for the windows in preparation for their installation. **e:** Framing and blocking will begin on the canopy, followed by installation of the canopy roof. **f:** Floor grading for the exposed aggregate floor can begin following the installation of the underground utilities. **g.** Troweled concrete floors will also be poured following the floor grading.

**Today is the last day for** the "BOGO Book Fair". From 9:30-11:55AM, 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.

**And, today is the last day to** sign up for Easter Sunday tulips\_for the sanctuary: A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table; cost is \$14.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class** will meet this week on Monday, **April 1**, at 3:30PM, rather than on Wednesday, April 3.

**A reminder:** There are **no** Monday evening services during the Lenten season. Join us for our services on Wednesday evenings, April 3 and April 10.

**Lenten Meal**, Wednesday, **April 3**, 5-6:30PM: pulled pork sandwiches, served by the Junior Youth Group. Proceeds help those planning to go to Camp Indianhead in July.

**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.

**Mrs. Orla Petersen passed away** on Tuesday of this past week. Her funeral will be held here at Mount Olive on Friday, **April 5**, at 11:00AM, with visitation at 10:00AM. Lunch will be served following the funeral service. May God comfort all who mourn.

**Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mt. Olive Talent Showcase**, Friday, **April 5**, at 6:30PM. All CDS 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!

**The annual spring cleanup day** is Saturday, **April 6**, starting at 8AM. With enough help, we will finish before noon. We will be cleaning up outside the church where permissible; front, playground, parsonage, red house (not construction area). Please bring rakes, etc. We will also be cleaning inside; sanctuary, narthex and other areas as needed. As a back-up date in case of rain, the outside work will be done on Saturday afternoon, April 13, beginning at 1PM.

**Mt. Olive's CDS band** will play preservice music at both church services (8:30 and 10:45AM) on Sunday, **April 7**.

**Check out the CDS Band Bake Sale** between services on **April 7**. Proceeds go toward the purchase of sheet music for the band.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Softball Players:** A sign-up sheet for the men’s softball team is on the narthex table. The men’s church league plays on Monday nights.

**On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for** New2You volunteers, softball, volunteers for “Easter for Kids”, and Easter tulips; **Camp Indianhead registration forms** and sign-up sheets; **registration forms for** MVL softball camp and summer camps, Scarville Lutheran School Olympics, and Lutheran Girl Pioneers camp; the **February issue of** *Thoughts of Faith*; **March editions of** the *Mission News & Helping Hands* and the *ELS President’s Newsletter*; and the **March 3-June 1 issue of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*.

For MVL, Bethany Lutheran, and all other new announcements, pick up your copy of the April issue of the *Olive Press* from the ushers today.