



LENT 5

Sunday, April 7, 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.

Explanation of the Week: *In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." (Jn 8:42-59) For Jesus came to taste death for us, to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest who entered the Holy of Holies, and with His own blood He made a once and for all time sacrifice to take away our sins and open heaven to us. (Heb 9:24-28) Jesus is the long-promised descendant of Abraham, in whom "all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-3) As Abraham was happy to follow God's directions to leave behind his old life and to trust in God's promise, we too place our trust in the One who proclaimed: "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Before Abraham was born, I am."*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).

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.)

~**Preservice music:** Christian Day School Band

~**Opening Prayer**

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

~**Youth Choir:** *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* (Theodore DuBois)

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever,

Who on the cruel cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. 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 a 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.

~**Youth Choir:** *Agnus Dei* (Samuel Webbe)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

~Hymn 276 When O'er My Sin I Sorrow
(Youth Choir, v. 1; **Congregation: vv. 2-4**)

~Absolution — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

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

(ELH p. 45; p. 153, #48)

P: We beseech You, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in both body and soul; 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.**

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

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

~Holy Gospel Lesson

John 8:46-59 Who of you can convict me of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says. The reason you do

not listen is that you do not belong to God.” The Jews responded, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon. On the contrary, I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. Amen, Amen, I tell you: If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never see death.” So the Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets. Yet you say, ‘If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never taste death.’ You are not greater than our father, Abraham, are you? He died. And the prophets died. Who do you think you are?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, about whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ Yet you do not really know him, but I do know him. If I said, ‘I do not know him,’ I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I hold on to his word. Your father Abraham was glad that he would see my day. He saw it and rejoiced.” The Jews replied, “You aren’t even fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Before Abraham was born, I am.” Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and left the temple area.

C: ✪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(*ELH p. 47*)

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 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 275 *We Bless Thee, Jesus Christ Our Lord*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Hebrews 9:24-28 For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

~Sermon Theme

“Our Once and For All Savior”

1. *Jesus took away our sins, once and for all.*
2. *Jesus has opened heaven to us, once and for all.*

Prayers & Special Petitions

~Offering & Hymn of Preparation 329, vv. 1-4 *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

*(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.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 53; 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. 54; 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. 55; Jn 1:29)

C: ✠ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 329, vv. 5-10 *A Precious Food Is This Indeed*

Hymn 301 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

Hymn 40, v. 2 *Now Let Us to the Lord Lift Up Our Hearts*

Hymn 287, vv. 1, 5, 6 *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*
Hymn 327 *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

~**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** — *In appreciation of God's gifts* (ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 56-57; 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.

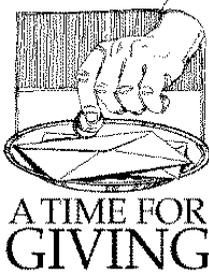
~**Closing Hymn 328, v. 8 *Lord, By Love and Mercy Driven***

~**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: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Youth Choir Director: Katie Sulzle / Violinist: Matthew Strom
Youth Choir Accompanist: Sarah Strom
Mt. Olive CDS Band Director: Jim Siewert

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday: 8:30am, 278; 10:45am, 244
Wednesday: 206

Monthly Giving Update:



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 (Feb. 1-28)</u>	<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:** Ernie & Marge Lillo,
Lois Otto

2nd Service: James & Carolyn Gates

Ushers: **1st Service:** Ron Younge (captain), Brian Strom,
James Strom, Silas Born, Paul Gullixson

2nd Service: Jim Gullixson (captain), Peter Bloedel, Hans Bloedel,
David Gullixson, Spencer Olson

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Sharon Madson, Kristin Matzke, Lynette Merseth

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *April 7, 2019—April 14, 2019*

<p>Sunday, April 7</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Youth Choir Sings, CDS Band (preservice music) Divine Service w/Holy Communion Band Bake Sale Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p>Monday, April 8</p>	<p>9:30AM 10AM 5:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>No Evening Service Area Pastors' Meeting, at Peace Veterans Bible Study Planned Giving Committee Church Council</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 9</p>	<p>8AM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study, Old Testament Book "Job" Mt. Olive Crafters PTF Executive Committee M.O.M.s Bible Study</p>
<p>Wednesday, April 10</p>	<p>8:05AM 9AM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Chapel Bible Class: Field Trip to Ottesen Museum Confirmation Classes Lenten Meal: Hot Dish Extravaganza, served by Moms on a Mission (M.O.M.s) Lenten Midweek Service Senior Choir</p>
<p>Thurs., Apr. 11</p>	<p>8:30AM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace</p>
<p>Fri., Apr. 12</p>	<p>1PM & 7PM</p>	<p>4th Grade Play</p>
<p>Saturday, April 13</p>	<p>8:30AM-1PM</p>	<p>No Canvassing Easter for Kids</p>
<p>Sunday, April 14</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5PM 6PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Palm Sunday K-2 Children's Choir Sings Divine Service Sunday School/Informational Meeting Divine Service Lutheran Pioneers Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Parents: please pick up your child's art work from the gym **today**, after the 2nd service.

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.

A reminder: There are **no** Monday evening services during the Lenten season. Join us for our service on Wednesday evening, April 10. Our Monday evening services will resume on April 29.

Lenten Meal, Wednesday, **April 10,** 5-6:30PM: Hot Dish Extravaganza, served by the M.O.M.s Bible study group.

Wednesday Bible Class – Special Field Trip, Wednesday, **April 10,** at 9AM. Having now completed our "Proclaiming God's Truth" Bible Study on the ELS, we will visit our Evangelical Lutheran Synod's Ottesen Museum for a guided tour. All are welcome to join us. The Ottesen Museum is located at 4 Browns Ct, Mankato (next door to our Synod's Headquarters & Seminary building). Please direct any questions to Pr. Luke Ulrich (LukeUlrich@Gmail.com).

You are invited to this year's Fourth Grade musical "Old Testament Fast Forward!" We plan to cover quite a bit of the Old Testament in word and song. Performances are

Friday, **April 12**, at 1PM & 7PM in the Mt. Olive Gym. We will have “Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes” after the 7:00PM performance! Admission and sundaes are free! Please come!

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.

Volunteer Softball Coach(es) Needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran School needs volunteer coaches for our co-ed softball team, consisting of players in Grades 7-8. Practices could be from 3:30 to 5:30PM at Mt Olive on Tuesdays and Fridays. Times would be determined by when coaches are available. Practices are held at the softball field behind Washington Grade School. Coaches are responsible for pitching to their team during the games. We have one tournament on Tuesday, May 14, at Caswell Park beginning at 9:00AM. We also try to get some games at MVL before the tournament if the two softball fields are available. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

Spring Play--Letters to Anne of Green Gables: Three performances remain: **today** at 2PM; Friday, **April 12**, at 7:30PM; and Saturday, **April 13**, at 2PM. Get \$10 tickets from theater.blc.edu or from the box office (507-344-7374).

On the narthex table are sign-up sheets for New2You volunteers, softball, and volunteers for “Easter for Kids”; **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*; **the April edition of** the *ELS President’s Newsletter*; and the **March 3-June 1 issue of Meditations Daily Devotions.**

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