



## TRINITY 4

Sunday, July 14, 2019, 8:30 & 10 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Adam Pavelchik | 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 (on the tables at the back of worship area). 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 worship area.

**Explanation of the Week:** *"Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful"(Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us, however, wants to condemn and seek vengeance against those who wrong us, but this is not our job. To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. God desires mercy. Christ is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Through faith in Christ who has shown us mercy, we are motivated to be merciful, forgiving, and doing good to our enemies. As those who have received mercy through Christ, we are moved to "Take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking of wickedness," (Isaiah 58:6-12) and instead show Love to all around us. We are encouraged to do this because in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom 8:8-13).*

## Order of Worship: Office of Prime

(Taken from page 108 in the black hymnal—  
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))



(This morning's liturgy is based on the "Office of Prime." This order of service was first developed & used around 400 AD, as a time of prayer, devotion, and scriptural encouragement during "prime"—the Latin term for "the first hour of the day." Though short & simple, it continues to serve as an excellent way to start our day & week. Found on page 108 in the front of our Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH), it would serve as a fitting order for you to use in any of your personal or family devotions.)



~**Prelude** — Preservice music & opportunity for prayer

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

~**Opening Hymn 27, vv. 1, 7, 8 O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

~**Versicles and Gloria Patri** — Opening sentences & "Glory to the Father"

(ELH p. 108)

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen.**

~**Confession & Absolution** — Admitting guilt & receiving forgiveness (ELH pp. 108-109)

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Psalm Hymn 457 Blessed Is the Man**

~**Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 58:6-12** "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go

before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

### ~Epistle Lesson

**Romans 8:18-23** For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

### ~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 421 *We Are Called by One Vocation*

## ~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

**Luke 6:27-38** “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back. “Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

## ~Sermon Message

*“Copying Our Father”*

1. That means showing love to others.
2. It means giving to others.
3. It means forgiving others.

## ~Offering and Hymn 418, vv. 1-5 *How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand*

*(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.)*

~**Responsory** — *Responsive prayer between Pastor & Congregation*

*(ELH p. 108)*

P: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us

**C: O Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.**

P: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

**C: And deliver us for Your name’s sake.**

## ~Prayers & Special Petitions

~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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

~Collect — *Prayer for the start of a day*

(ELH p. 108)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in Your holy light all my life and even forevermore. O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us; 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.**

~Canticle — *"Little Song" of scriptural encouragement*

(ELH p. 108; Mt 5:3-12)

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**C: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

~Closing Versicles & Blessing

(ELH p. 108)

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

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us bless the Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

**C: Amen.**

~Closing Hymn 418, vv. 6, 7 *My Soul, Be Therefore of Good Cheer*

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

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

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Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

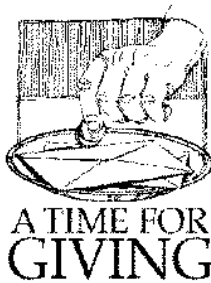
Pianists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dennis Marzolf  
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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 221/167; 10:45am, 149/101**

**Monday: 51/43**

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (May 1-31)	\$55,195.33
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (May 1-31)	<u>\$8,795.05</u>
<b>Total Given</b> (May 1-31)	<u>\$63,990.38</u>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-May 31) (\$75,425/month x 11 months)	\$829,675.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-May 31)	<u>\$764,978.62</u>
<b><u>Difference (Shortfall)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$64,696.38)</u></b>

*Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.*

*To give your offering online, go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org) and click on the link "donate on line."  
Or 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> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Keith Anderson,  
Mark & Vivian Smith

**Ushers:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Arden Olson (captain), Mark Graham,  
Matt Holt, Martin Langhorst, Greg Costello

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Don Lehne (captain), Mark Johnson,  
Matthias Leyrer, Michael Torres, Malachi Kohls

**Offering Counters:** Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode

**Altar Guild:** Connie Meyer, Terri Westphal

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: July 14, 2019—July 21, 2019**

<p><b>Sunday,</b> July 14</p>	<p>8:30AM <b>9:30AM</b> 10AM 11AM 3:05PM</p>	<p><b>Services in Gym</b> Divine Service <b>Special Voters Meeting</b> Divine Service Hong Kong Mission Work Presentation Mankato MoonDogs Baseball <b>No</b> Artemis Video Gaming <b>No</b> Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p><b>Monday,</b> July 15</p>	<p>5:15PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:15PM &amp; 8:15PM</p>	<p>Board of Parish Ed &amp; Youth Divine Service Church Council Softball, Caswell 2,</p>
<p><b>Tuesday,</b> July 16</p>	<p>8AM  6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study <b>No</b> Mt. Olive Crafters Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Bible Study</p>
<p><b>Wed.,</b> July 17</p>	<p>9AM</p>	<p>Bible Study</p>
<p><b>Thur.,</b> July 18</p>	<p>9AM</p>	<p>Park Playdate, Sibley Park</p>
<p><b>Fri.,</b> July 19</p>		<p><b>Church Newsletter Deadline</b></p>
<p><b>Sat.,</b> July 20</p>	<p>12:30PM 1PM 5PM</p>	<p>Parade Volunteers Meet Eagle Lake Tator Days Parade Board Game Night w/Potluck</p>
<p><b>Sunday,</b> July 21</p>	<p>8:30AM 10AM  11AM 1PM</p>	<p><b>Services in Gym</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion and <b>Installation of Church Officers/Board Members</b> Mt. Olive Groups Fair/Picnic Encourage One Another <b>No</b> Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Luke Ulrich has received a divine call** to serve as the Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Please keep him and his family in your prayers, asking that God's will may be done.

**Mt. Olive Crafters** are not meeting this week.

## **Special Voters Meeting**

We will be holding a short special voters meeting **today** at 9:30AM to vote on adding the Peace Liaison as a voting member on the Board of Education. The initiative was presented at the last informational meeting and also the annual voters meeting in June. If you have any questions on the motion, please contact any member of the BOE. The motion we will be voting on is:

The Board of Education brings forward the following resolution to add to Section 5.33 of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church's constitution: A voting member of Peace Lutheran Church, as selected by Peace Lutheran Church, shall serve on the Mount Olive Board of Education. The length of this term shall coincide with the length of terms of Mount Olive board members. He will have voting privileges only on the Board of Education, thus not being able to serve on the Mount Olive Church Council.

**Mike and Anita Smith** are joining us **today** at 11AM to give a presentation on their work in Hong Kong.

**Join us for Church Night at the MoonDogs** game **today** at 3:05PM. Nick Coquyt, the MoonDogs Personal Account Manager, has the Mt. Olive tickets and will be at the front gate or Will-Call booth; tickets are \$6.

**Pick up your mid-year giving statements** from the table at the back of the worship area.

**Installation of church officers/board members** will be Sunday, **July 21**, during the 10AM service.

**Attend the Mt. Olive Groups Fair**, Sunday, **July 21**, at 11AM. We will have a picnic and fair showcasing the various social, study, and service groups available at Mt. Olive. Hotdogs and hamburgers, beverages, and utensils will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share. We will have yard games available as well, so come and enjoy!

**Trinity Lutheran's Ice Cream Social** is Wednesday, **July 24**, from 4:30 - 7PM, in Nicollet. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for more details.

**The annual meeting of the New 2 You Family Thrift Store** will be Monday, **July 29**, at 5PM at Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato. All members of the association congregations are welcome to attend. Following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors will conduct their quarterly meeting.



**Women's Brunch:** Saturday, **August 3**, from 9 - 11:30AM. The speaker is Gretta Krier, LSW. Bring a backpack to fill with school supplies for a homeless youth. To register, go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org). Questions: contact Michelle Graham 507-720-7258.

**Registration is now open for Mt. Olive's Music Camp, August 12-16.** Music Camp is geared toward 9-14+ year olds, featuring instruction in recorders, handbells, choir, and more! Cost is \$15 per camper. Details and registration information are available at [www.mtolivelutheran.org/events](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/events); registration deadline is **July 28**. Questions? Contact Marie MacPherson at [mmacpher@blc.edu](mailto:mmacpher@blc.edu).

**Meals for the Kempferts:** Help support our vicar family, Jacob and Anna Kempfert, and their new baby. A Meal Train has been organized from now until August 17. Sign up for a meal to bring by visiting [mealtrain.com](http://mealtrain.com) and searching "Jacob and Anna Kempfert," or contact Karla Reagles at 608-385-2694.

**Interested in helping record our church services?** We are looking for volunteers to run the camera for the live streaming and recording of our 8:30AM church services and other special services. Contact Pastor Ulrich or John Sehloff if you are interested; training will be provided.

**Mt. Olive Lutheran School needs a part-time hot lunch program director** for the 2019-20 school year; hours are 10:30AM - 1PM each school day. If you are interested in this position, please contact Principal Pavelchik at 507-345-7927 or [principal@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:principal@mtolivelutheran.org). Thank you.

**Mt. Olive has purchased** the blue house by the swings (1121 Lori Lane). This house is to be torn down in the next 2-3 weeks. If anyone wants to salvage anything out of this house (rain gutters, cabinets, water heater, furnace, etc.), call Juel Merseth at 507-381-3975 to look it over.

**Free Thrivent t-shirts** (various child and adult sizes) are available on one of the tables in the back of the worship area—first come, first served.

**On the table at the back of the worship area** are **sign-up sheets** for New2You volunteers; the **May edition** of *Mission News & Helping Hands*; the **June edition** of *Thoughts of Faith*; **July editions** of the *Olive Press* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*; and the **June 2-August 31** issue of *Meditations Daily Devotional*.

## **Building Project Update**

### **As of June 28:**

#### **New addition:**

1. Painting and ceiling tile installation are proceeding on schedule for the new spaces beyond the narthex.

#### **Sanctuary and existing narthex:**

1. Thanks to the help of a large number of industrious volunteers, the sanctuary was emptied, the gymnasium was set up for worship, the west wall of the sanctuary was closed up, and new storage areas were framed up in the old narthex. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the work!!!
2. With the sanctuary emptied, the installation of the required sprinkler system is proceeding at a rapid pace.

### **Looking ahead at July:**

#### **New addition:**

1. Exterior brickwork, metal panel installation and metal coping trim will be ongoing during July.
2. Drywall installation followed by taping and painting will take place in the new narthex.
3. The wood ceiling for the narthex will be installed following completion of work on the walls.

#### **Sanctuary and existing narthex:**

1. Worship will take place in the gymnasium until July 28.
2. Sprinkler pipes will be painted to match the ceiling when installation is completed.
3. The west wall will be finished and painted.
4. The floor will be thoroughly cleaned and refinished while the pews are out.

We are really seeing the results of all the planning and labor now as the new addition and some of the remodeling takes shape. As we enjoy the excitement of seeing the fruition of all the plans and work, we thank our heavenly Father for:

- the safety of all who have worked long hours in all kinds of weather
- the patience of the Mt. Olive congregation during the inevitable messes and inconveniences of construction and remodeling
- the volunteers who have given so freely and cheerfully of their time and talents
- the financial support of so many toward the building program

In this project, as in everything at Mt. Olive, pray that God's will directs all and that all is done to His glory alone.