

Quinquagesima

Sunday, February 23, 2020, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Vicar Jacob Kempfert | Principal Adam Pavelchik |

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **"Get Connected!"** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week: *The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see. (Lk 18:31-43) Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again. But they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah-Savior; for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Samuel 16:1-13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us. (1 Cor 13:1-13) Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is 35:3-7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.*

Order of Worship: The Office of Matins

(pp. 109-119 in the hymnal—
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))

Today we follow the order of worship known as “Matins.” “Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word.

~**Prelude** — *Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer*

(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)

(First Service Only)

~**Mount Olive School Children “Open My Heart” by D. Witte**

1. *My heart is broken, Lord, as I read your Law. Your heart is heavy with my sin. Create in me, O God, a pure heart within. Set my heart on you.*
2. *My eyes are always closed, looking out for me. Your eyes are saddened to see my sin. Focus my outlook on you and let me see the cross. Seeing with eyes full of faith.*
3. *My mind is so confused with the noise of this world. Your mind is steadfast; it does not change. Fix my mind on you, that I may trust in you And have peace at last.*
4. *My hands are tightly closed, ready to fight for me. Your hands were opened and pierced with nails. Open my hands in prayer; help me hold onto you, Working for you all my days.*

REFRAIN: *Open my heart through your Spirit, Lord.
Open my eyes as I read your Word.
Open my mind to know your will.
Open my hands to share your love.*

~**Opening Hymn 441, O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

(vv. 1, 2 Children; vv. 3, 4 Congregation)

(Second Service Only)

~**Opening Hymn 236 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus**

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting Our Guilt & Receiving God's Forgiveness* (ELH p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

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.

~Versicles — *Opening Sentences* (ELH p. 109ff; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

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. Alleluia!

~Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:3-7 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make the shaky knees steady.

Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong. Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.
The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.
There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts
of jackals once lay.

~**Responsory** — *Responsive Prayer*

(ELH p. 112; Mk 10:47, 1 Cor 15:57)

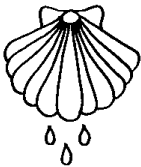
P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Epistle Lesson**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

The Order of Holy Baptism (2nd Service)



(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing “with water through the Word” is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God’s grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that “all nations” be baptized. Confession of sins and absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one’s baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)

~**Baptism of Angeline Lou Shrader**

(ELH p. 133ff)

~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 34 Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Luke 18:31-43 He took the Twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. Indeed, he will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, mistreat him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him. On the third day, he will rise again." They did not understand any of these things. What he said was hidden from them, and they did not understand what was said. As he approached Jericho, a blind man sat by the road, begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Those who were at the front of the crowd rebuked him, telling him to be quiet. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, I want to see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw this, gave praise to God.

~Sermon Message

"What Does True Faith See in Jesus?"

~Offering and Hymn 209 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

"Christians give their offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. The offerings given here support the continued Gospel ministry of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School, and to support the work of sharing the Gospel throughout our community and around the world."

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Kyrie — *"Lord, Have Mercy"*

(ELH p. 116)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~The Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 117; 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 — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH p. 118-119, II)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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

(ELH p. 119; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Closing Hymn 235 *Behold the Lamb of God*

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

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

*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Vicar Jacob Kempfert
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
MO CDS Choir Director: Donna Fosburgh; Accompanist: Anita Krienke*

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 291/203; **10:45am**, 166/112;

Monday: 7/5

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: **1st Service:** Scott & Theresa Dzwonkowski;
Don & Beth Westphal

2nd Service: Bill & Sherri Bukowski;
Will & Lisa Holt

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

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

Offering Counters: Andy Overn, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Ellie Fisher, LuAnn Sting

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$13,006.83 (includes on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 1/31/20): \$67,861.04

Romans 12: 1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.

*To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "donate on line."
Or **TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate.***

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *February 23, 2020 - March 1, 2020*

Sunday, February 23	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	4PM-6PM	Sr. Youth Game Night
	6PM	Artemis Video Gaming
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Mon., Feb 24	6:30PM	Divine Service
Tuesday, February 25	8AM	Women's Bible Study
	7PM	M.O.M.s Evening Bible Study
	7PM	Men's Choir
Wednesday, February 26		ASH WEDNESDAY
	8:05AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Bible Study
	3PM	Youth Choir
	4PM	Confirmation Classes
	4PM	Large Catechism
	5PM	Lenten Dinner
	6:30PM	Lenten Service
7PM	Senior Choir	
Thurs., Feb 27	8:30AM	M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace
	6:30PM	Kindergarten Round Up
	6:30PM	VBS Planning Meeting
Fri., Feb 28	10:15AM	Pathstone
Sat, Feb 29		
Sunday, March 1	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today: The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by LuAnn Hultgren in memory of Natalie Hultgren.

Did you know? There's a new way to give offerings by text! Text offering amount to 833-726-3742. See the Quick Guide at the end of the announcements to get started.

HELP NEEDED! Our Mount Olive Congregation is a Co-chair for this year's MVL Pork Chop Dinner which will be held on Sunday, March 1st. As the Co-chair congregation, we are responsible for supplying all of the desserts. We will need a total of 30 pans of dessert donated from our congregation. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for details. Thank you for your help!

2020 Youth Lock-In! Calling all 4th thru 8th graders: Join us, the students from The Beacon Lutheran Campus Ministry, for our 2020 Youth Lock-In. The fun begins Friday, March 20th at 9:00 pm at the Lake Crystal Rec. Center and concludes Saturday, March 21st 7:30 am at the Beacon. There will be swimming, basketball, pizza, late night worship, and much more! Registration forms are available through your church/school office or you can register online at www.mankatocampusministry.org

Thrivent Choice Dollars® Allocation

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School is a participating organization of the Thrivent Choice program. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Eligible members have until March 31 to direct their Choice Dollars. Visit thrivent.com or speak with your local office for more information.



NEEDED: Empty egg cartons and plastic Easter eggs for an upcoming Easter event hosted by Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee. Please bring your donations to the church office or to the box outside the band room.

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool Open House on Tuesday, March 31st from 6-8 p.m. We will enjoy an evening of face-painting, crafts, games, food and fall registration. We have a beautiful Christ-centered program, with child care before and after each session, that will prepare your child for Kindergarten. For more information or to hold your child's spot, please call Joslyn at 385-7752.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY SPRING SEMESTER INFO:

	Morning M.O.M.s Study:	Evening M.O.M.s Study:
When:	Thursdays, 8:30-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10)	Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm , No childcare
Where:	Peace Lutheran Church, N. Mankato	Mt. Olive Lutheran School's Library
Study:	<u>Joy, a Study of Philippians</u> , by Deb Burma.	<u>Ruth, Living in God's Unfailing Faithfulness</u> , by Naomi Schmidt
Contact:	Kristen Lukasek 507-382-7963 or mattlukasek@yahoo.com	Shaylene Scheele 309-830-2538 or scheele.shaylene@yahoo.com

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Events

MVL Campaign Kickoff - Sunday, March 1 Come over to MVL for food, fun, and festivities! The Booster Club is sponsoring a pork chop dinner, 10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., with freewill offerings supporting Booster Club projects. The annual Winter Band Concert follows at 1:30 P.M., featuring the Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble. In addition, we're kicking off the Building on the Rock Capital Campaign. Learn more about what this campaign means for MVL and how you can be a part of it. Information and tours will be available during the meal and after the concert.

Bus Drivers Needed for MVL Routes Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We're looking for MVL route drivers and substitute drivers for these great kids. Paid training! Full-time and part-time positions available. Interested individuals should contact Site Manager Casey Stearns at 507-995-5387.

Bethany Lutheran College Events

Mon., March 2, 7:30 p.m.- the Bethany Concert Band is excited to perform at Trinity Chapel. This one-hour concert features tunes by John Philip Sousa (Washington Post March), Frank Ticheli (Joy Revisited), Brian Balmages (Rippling Watercolors) and John Williams (Star Wars). A free-will donation is welcome to help support their tour to Florida. Following the concert, a music alumni reception will be held in YFAC 101-- please send a note to Benjamin.Faugstad@blc.edu if you plan to attend the reception.

Check out Summer Camps at Bethany Lutheran College. Ages PK -12th grade. Engineering, Volleyball, Esports, Cross-Country, Biblical Archeology, Law, Leadership and much more! Discover full details and plan your summer at www.blc.edu/camps

Student Apologetics Conference



Bringing the Truth
of Christianity to
Our Neighbor

Keynote speaker: Dr. Gene Edward Veith

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota

FREE and open to all students and adults!

Schedule*

LIVE STREAMED

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction, Chaplain Donald Moldstad

**2:05 p.m. "The Real Jesus behind the Gospels:
Promise and Problems"** - Rev. Dr. A. Andrew Das

**3:30 p.m. "The Challenge of Our Day: Sharing the Truth
When Truth Doesn't Exist"** - Rev. David Thompson

5:00 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

**7:00 p.m. Keynote: "Fictional Literature as a Tool for Christian
Apologetics: The Reading and Writing of C.S. Lewis"**
- Dr. Gene Edward Veith

**Each presentation will be followed by a Q&A period and a break.*

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Quick Guide

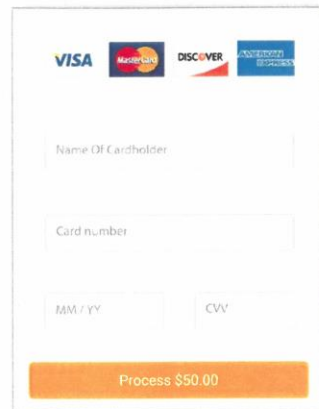
1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



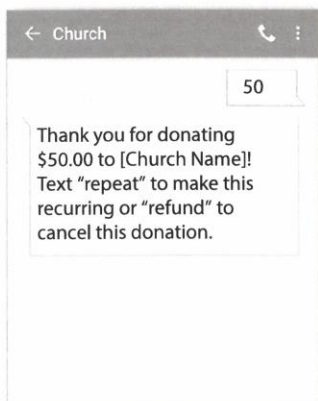
2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



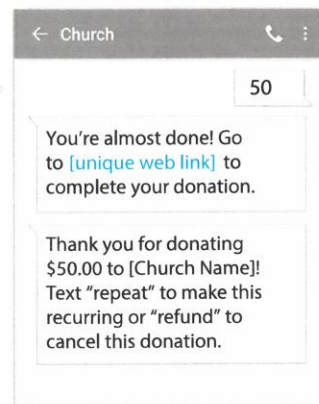
3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



Ash Wednesday

STOP - join us for church and a



Pulled Pork Dinner

Pulled pork sandwich, hotdogs, baked beans, cole-slaw, fruit, and assorted desserts

Served by the

Bethany Women's Auxiliary

February 26, 2020

5:00 – 6:20 P.M.

All donations go toward Auxiliary projects for Bethany College.

Building On Our Mission

Special Giving Opportunities

Updated 2/5/2020

Technology (section A)

A3-Security cameras (5) (3 FUNDED)	\$750 each
A4-Complete PA system	\$4,000
A6-Video streaming computer	\$1,750
A7-Second camera for video streaming and recording	\$1,500

Furnishings (section B)

B4-Narthex furnishings	\$?
B6-Conference room table & 6 chairs (new off suite) (Funded)	\$1600
B7-Tract Rack.....	\$220

Miscellaneous (section C)

C1-Artwork for new spaces.....	\$2,500+
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How To Give

Gifts may be given using the **special giving envelope** located on a table in the narthex or from the church office.

Give online at **mtolivelutheran.org**. Please note what the donation is for in the “Special Funds - Other” section.

Questions

If you have any questions, contact Steve Jaeger at (507) 351-2900.