



LENT 1

Sunday, March 1, 2020, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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.

Explanation of the Week: *In the Garden man exalts himself to be a god in place of God. (Gen 3:1-21) He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness God humbles Himself to become man in place of man. (Mt 4:1-11) He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath Satan. (1 Samuel 17:40-51) Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14-16).
Order of Service, Rite Two (p. 60)*

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 Marimba Hymns —

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

~Sunday School Sings Hymn 24 *Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*

~**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. 60-62, 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.

~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. 151 #31)

P: O merciful and everlasting God, heavenly Father: We thank You that You have revealed to us the glory of Your Son, and let the light of Your Gospel shine upon us: We pray that You would guide us by this light that we may walk diligently as Christians in all good works, ever be strengthened by Your grace, and conduct our lives in all godliness; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, 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 3:1-7 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

~Lenten Verse

(ELH p. 67)

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

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 69)

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 251, vv. 1, 2 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

~Sermon Theme

“The Enemy’s Battle Plans Laid Bare and Broken by Christ”

1. *The tempter overcome by God’s Word*
2. *The slanderer exposed by God’s Truth*
3. *The adversary cast out by Christ’s victory*

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

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

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. 77-78; 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. 78; 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. 79; 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. 1-3 *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord*

Hymn 252, vv. 1-3 *I Walk In Danger*

Hymn 329, vv. 4-7 *His Word Proclaims, And We Believe*

Hymn 252, vv. 4-6 *I Walk With Angels*

Hymn 383, vv. 1, 7-9 *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above*

~Dismissal — Assurance of blessing for those who have communed

(ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~Nunc Dimittis — "Now I Depart"

(ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

~Collect of Thanksgiving

(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. 84; 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 251, vv. 3, 4 *And Were the World with Devils Filled*

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

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

*Preacher: Vicar Jacob Kempfert / Liturgist: John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: John Baumann
Preservice Music: Ben Faugstad & Chad Feistner*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 363; 10:45am, 183; Monday: 18;

Ash Wednesday: 268/185

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

**Greeters: 1st Service: Ryan & Sheila Ruschmeyer Family;
Lois Otto;**

**2nd Service: Steve & Lois Johnson;
Lon & Cathy Knudson**

**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: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: LuAnn Sting; Carol Leiferman

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$21,489.56 (includes on-line giving)

****Ash Wednesday not counted yet****

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.



Lenten Meal Schedule

March 4 - Evangelism Committee (Sloppy Joe's)

March 11 - CDS Faculty (Soup & Sandwich)

March 18 - M.O.M.'s (Hot dish extravaganza)

March 25 - Senior Youth Group (Pulled Pork)

April 1 - Softball Team (Ball park vendor fare)

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
2020

“The Son of God GOES FORTH TO WAR”

March 4: Midweek Lent 2 —

Vicar Jacob Kempfert

“Skirmishes” Hebrews 4:15

March 11: Midweek Lent 3 —

Pr. John Petersen

“The Warrior Faces Satan’s Ally – the World” John
18:38

March 18: Midweek Lent 4 —

Pr. Matthew Moldstad (Peace)

“Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy”
Ephesians 6:12

March 25: Midweek Lent 5 —

Pr. Keith Siverly (St. Mark’s)

“The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers” John
6:66-68

April 1: Midweek Lent 6 —

Pr. Dave Linn (St. Paul’s)

“Hidden Warrior” John 11:33-37

April 9: Maundy Thursday —

Tenebrae with Holy Communion at Mt Olive 6:30pm

April 10: Good Friday —

Tre Ore Service at St. Paul’s Lutheran, North Mankato 12pm – 3pm

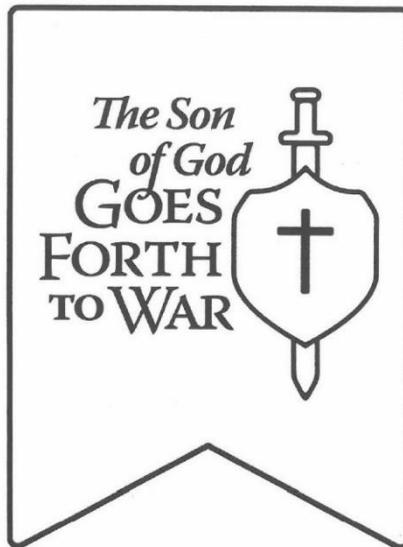
Good Friday with Holy Communion at Mt Olive 6:30pm

April 12: Easter —

Easter Sunrise Service at Mt Olive 7:30am

Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:30am

Easter Festival with Holy Communion 10am



WEEK AT A GLANCE: *March 1, 2020 – March 8, 2020*

<p>Sunday, March 1</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 10:30AM-1PM 1PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Sunday School Sings Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Pork Chop Dinner at MVL Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p>Mon., March 2</p>	<p>5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Board of Deacons Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Ed</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 3</p>	<p>8AM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women’s Bible Study Mt Olive Crafters Jesus Cares Ministry M.O.M.s Evening Bible Study Men’s Choir</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 4</p>	<p>8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel Bible Study Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Lenten Dinner Lenten Service Senior Choir</p>
<p>Thurs., March 5</p>	<p>8:30AM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace</p>
<p>Fri., March 6</p>		
<p>Sat, March 7</p>	<p>9:45AM-3:15PM</p>	<p>Mt Olive Volunteers at New2You</p>
<p>Sunday, March 8</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1:30-3:30PM 6PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Daylight Savings Time (clocks ahead) CDS Sing at 2nd Service Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Lutheran Pioneers Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today: The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Jerry Hansen in celebration of his 90th birthday on March 3rd.

Did you know? There's a new way to give offerings by text! Text offering amount to 833-726-3742. See the Quick Guide in the March Olive Press to get started.

TODAY in between services the Bethany Law Club will be selling tickets to attend a fundraiser breakfast at Charley's Restaurant. The breakfast is on Saturday, March 21st, from 9-11 am. The proceeds will go towards their trip to Washington D.C. this coming fall. Ticket prices are as follows: 1- \$5, 3- \$10, 5-\$20. By purchasing a ticket, you will also be entered into a raffle to win a Will!

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 (children bused from Rec Center to 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

MLC yearly church volleyball tournament is coming up soon. The men's tournament is March 21st, and the women's tournament is March 28th. If you are interested in playing on the men's or women's power leagues contact Brian or Rebecca Strom- 507-386-0372.

NEEDED: 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.

Mt Olive MEMBERS must register for Camp Indianhead by June 5th in order to receive a \$50 reimbursement. When registering for camp, Mt Olive members will submit the difference of the camp fee \$250

ATTENTION MEN: Join us at our
Men's Greasy Breakfast!

When: Saturday, March 14th, from 8am to 9:30am

Where: Mount Olive Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall

What: Breakfast & Special Presentation by

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Stadler.



For Whom: All Men ages 16-106 Welcome (*Please invite your friends!*)

Cost: NO COST!—Food covered by a Thrivent Action Team—Chef: Kurt Shrader.



PLEASE RSVP! You can sign-up through our Website; on the sign-up sheet in front of the Youth Room; or by emailing LukeUlrich@Gmail.com — We want to be sure to have enough food!

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.

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.



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

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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran Events

MVL Campaign Kickoff - TODAY 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.

Save the Date: Jeans & Dreams join us at Turner Hall in New Ulm on **Saturday, March 28** for the MVL Booster Club Auction! Come in your favorite denim for a delicious dinner, spectacular socializing with the MVL family, and an amazing array of items and experiences. Visit mvl.org/auction or MVL Facebook page for all the details!

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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.