

LENT 2/LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, March 8, 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: *“Do not be afraid. Stand firm, and see the salvation from the Lord.” (Ex 14:10-21) This is what the Canaanite woman did. With faith in Jesus to help her, she came to Him. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help. (Mt 15:21-28) This persistent woman of faith received glowing praise from Jesus: “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” This is the sanctifying will of God, (1 Thess 4:1-7) to test our faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint. (Rom 5:1-5) As we also celebrate the beginning of our “Lutheran Schools Week,” we praise and thank God for the countless blessings that He has bestowed on our School. We seek to continue to do as God has encouraged us—to “stand firm” in our faith—remembering that God will continue to help our School and bless it into the future.*

(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)

~**Opening Hymn 257, vv. 1-3, 6, 7** *When In the Hour of Utmost Need*

~**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.

(Second Service Only)

~Mount Olive School Children “Jesus Loves Me”

(ELH Hymn 179)

*1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
(Refrain)*

*3. Jesus loves me! God’s own Son
Over sin the vict’ry won.
When I die, saved by His grace,
I shall see Him face to face.
(Refrain)*

*2. Jesus loves me! See His grace!
On the cross He took my place.
There He suffered and He died,
That I might be glorified.
(Refrain)*

*4. Jesus loves me! He is near.
He is with His Church so dear.
And the Spirit He has sent
By His Word and Sacrament.
(Refrain)*

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing), we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more. To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. Indeed, this is God’s will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. No one is to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification.

~**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!**

~**Holy Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

~**Chief Hymn 256** *When Afflictions Sore Oppress You*

~**Sermon Text**

Exodus 14:10-21 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians marching after them. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you took us to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Wasn't this what we said to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone. Let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm, and see the salvation from the Lord, which he will perform for you today. For the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you. You must wait quietly." The Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to set out. As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide the sea so that the Israelites can go through the middle of the sea on dry ground. I myself will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go into the sea after them, and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and his entire army, through his chariots and his charioteers. The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his charioteers." Then the Angel of God, who was going in front of the Israelite forces, moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them. It went between the Egyptian forces and the Israelite

forces. The cloud was dark on one side, but it lit up the night on the other. Neither group approached the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all night long the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned the sea into dry land. The waters were divided.

~Sermon Message

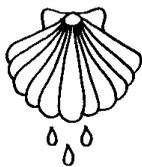
"Remember the Lord's Help"

- 1. Remember, the Lord sometimes places us in what looks like a hopeless predicament.*
- 2. Remember, He rescues us by His love and power.*

~Offering and Hymn 226, vv. 3, 8, 9, 10 **By Grace! O Mark This Word of Promise**

"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."

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 Rowen Douglas DeBlois

(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.

~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. 152, #42)

P: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the 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.

~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 258, vv. 1, 3, 5 *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest*

~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: John Baumann
Preservice Music: Mt Olive School Band
MO CDS Band Director: Jim Siewert
MO CDS Choir Director: Kari Sehloff & Miranda Dittmer; Accompanist: Anita Krienke

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 296/202; 10:45am, 144/110;

Monday: 27/23; Wednesday: 138

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: \$36,969.22 (includes on-line giving & Ash Wed)

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: *March 8, 2020 - March 15, 2020*

<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 Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p>Mon., March 9</p>	<p>9:30AM 10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Area Pastors' Conference Veteran's Bible Study Divine Service Church Council</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 10</p>	<p>8AM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM 7PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study Mt Olive Crafters PTF Executive Meeting M.O.M.s Evening Bible Study Men's Choir Church Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 11</p>	<p>8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Chapel Bible Study Youth Choir Confirmation Lenten Dinner Lenten Service Senior Choir</p>
<p>Thurs., Mar 12</p>	<p>8:30AM 1PM</p>	<p>M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace Faculty vs. 8th gr VB game</p>
<p>Fri., March 13</p>	<p>11:15AM 6:15PM-7:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Early Dismissal Family Bingo</p>
<p>Sat, March 14</p>	<p>8AM-9:30AM</p>	<p>Men's Greasy Breakfast</p>
<p>Sunday, March 15</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>CDS Sing at PEACE 2nd Service Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today: The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Art & Terri Westphal.

Baptized Today During 2nd Service: Rowen Douglas DeBlois, infant son of Ryan & Kourtney DeBlois, was born January 17, 2019, in Mankato. His sponsors are James & Gillian Sheridan and Kameron & Melissa Berget. May he ever grow in Christ and be blessed therein.

Our Christian condolences to the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Irwin who was called home to eternal rest last Sunday. Bob's funeral was held Saturday here at Mount Olive. God's comfort to all who mourn.

Easter Sunday tulips for the sanctuary: A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table; cost is \$13.50. The deadline for sign-up is Monday night, March 24.

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.

2020 Youth Lock-In (Grades 4th thru 8th) Registration deadline is Friday, March 13th. 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.

MILK CAPS! Mt. Olive's After School Care program is saving milk caps for an upcoming project. Please bring your washed milk caps to the office or the box outside the band room.

Easter for Kids is on Saturday, April 04 from 9am-1pm. The Evangelism Committee is looking for people to help with crafts, music, gym activities and serving food. If you are interested, the sign up sheet is by the youth room or contact Michelle Graham 507 720 7258.

Mt. Olive Talent Showcase: All are invited to the fourth annual Mt. Olive Talent Showcase on **Friday, April 3rd at 6:30pm.** All 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!

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!



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) **NO study on March 12 (BLC Spring Break) & April 9 (Maundy Thursday)	Tuesdays , 7-8:30pm, No childcare **NO study on March 17 & April 7
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

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!

Thrivent Choice Dollars® Allocation MVL 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.

MVL Capital Campaign The Building on the Rock capital campaign is off to a great start following the kickoff on March 1! With your support and prayers, together we can enhance the academic and activity experiences for MVL students. The Mission Advancement team is available to discuss any questions you have: contact missionadvancement@mvlhs.org or 507.233.8659. May God bless our work together!

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.

Building On Our Mission

Special Giving Opportunities

Updated 3/4/2020

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 & recording (Funded)	\$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.