



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

1123 Marsh Street
Mankato, MN 56001

(507) 345-4966

mtolivelutheran.org
mtolive@mtolivelutheran.org

Pastors:

John J. Petersen

Luke Ulrich

Principal:

Larry Rude

Lent 3

Sunday,

February 28, 2016

8:30 & 10:45am

 Evangelical
Lutheran
Synod





For Ages 4-12, Join us for this day of fun, crafts, activities and lunch!
Parents get a morning to go shopping or just relax while the kids have FUN!

When: March 19, 2016

Time: 9 am to 1 pm

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
1123 Marsh Street, Mankato

Cost: FREE! (Family Lunch included at 12:15 pm)



To Register Please follow the links at: www.MtOliveLutheran.org

Or go directly to: www.planetreg.com/E1268385122112

If you need assistance please call: (507) 345-4966

Lent 3

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. 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:

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the word of the Lord. (Jer 26:1-15) So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak. (Lk 11:14-28) But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard. (Ex 8:16-24) They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord. (Eph 5:1-9) As children of light our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us. In a world where demons roam we confess, "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net."

~Opening Hymn 252 *I Walk in Danger All the Way*

(v. 1-2: grades K-8; v. 3: grades 6-8; v. 4: grades K-5; v. 5: grades K-8; v. 6: All)

~Versicles (pp. 109-110)

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.

~Psalmody: (from Psalm 25, read responsively)

P: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C: For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

P: Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,

C: For I am desolate and afflicted.

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed;

P: The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses!

C: Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

P: Keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

**C: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

~Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 22:1-7 Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. And he said: "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; the God of my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; my Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry entered His ears."

~Responsory: Hymn 378 vv. 1-4 *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

~Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:1-9 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).

~Responsory: Hymn 246 vv. 2-4 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*



Midweek Lenten Services:

March 2nd-March 16th, 2016 at 6:30PM

"Ironies of the Passion" Lenten Series + Mt. Olive

March 2nd: Midweek Lent 4—Vicar Christopher Johns (St. Paul's)

"We Have No King but Caesar" John 19:12-16a

March 9th: Midweek Lent 5—Pr. Gary Wong (St. Paul's)

"It is Better That One Man Die for the People" John 11:45-53

March 16th: Midweek Lent 6— Pr. Roger Knepprath (St. Paul's)

"Are You Afraid of the Man on the Cross?" Luke 23:39-43

Holy Week Services:

March 20th-27th

March 20th, 8:30 & 10:45AM: Palm Sunday—Pr. Luke Ulrich

"Do You Hear What These Children Are Saying?" Matthew 21:12-17

March 24th, 6:30PM: Maundy Thursday—Pr. Luke Ulrich

"Do This In Remembrance of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

March 25th, 6:30PM: Good Friday—Pr. John J. Petersen

"The Victory of the Cross" Colossians 2:13-15

March 27th, 7:30 & 10AM: Easter Sunday—Pr. John J. Petersen

"Why Do You Look For the Living Among the Dead?" Luke 24:4-8

grace from their Savior. The weekend will include guest speakers Carrie Pfeifer, First Lady of Bethany Lutheran College, Rev. Don Moldstad, Jennifer Schwertfeger and Laura Harstad. The weekend begins at 5 pm Friday, March 11 at Courtyard by Marriott Hotel & Event Center and continues Saturday, March 12 on the Bethany Lutheran College campus beginning at 9:00 am. Group rates for 8 or more are available. For more information and registration options visit the Bethany website at: www.blc.edu/riseup2016 or contact Joni Bode at [507-344-7749](tel:507-344-7749) or email Joni.Bode@blc.edu.

Community Events

Great Service Opportunity in a Great Setting! St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN is looking for a qualified person to serve as Church Administrator. The position is hired and full-time. Responsibilities include supervision of support staff, finances, human resources, and properties. A job description, more information about our congregation, and an application form are at www.splnewulm.org. For more information contact Pastor Don Sutton at [507-354-3641](tel:507-354-3641) or dsutton324@gmail.com.

Trinity Lutheran's Caring Arms Daycare is going to be in need of a few daycare workers starting in May. We will be losing some MLC graduates and will be looking to replace them. For more information, call Connie Kurtweg at [507-232-2273](tel:507-232-2273) or Arden Enter at [507-317-1640](tel:507-317-1640).

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool will host its **Annual Open House on Tuesday, March 22, 6-8 p.m.** If you have a preschooler, ages 33 months- 4 years, we invite you to our incredible **Open House at Peace Lutheran Church, located on the corner of Look Out and Commerce Drive.** There will be face-painting, games, crafts, entertainment and food, and Bethany Education Students will perform a skit. We hope you are able to come and take a tour of our Christ-centered preschool. **If you have questions, please call Joslyn at 385-7752 or email me at joslynmoldstad@gmail.com.**

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 11:14-28 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

~Responsory: Hymn 251 vv. 3, 4 *And Were the World With Devils Filled*

~Sermon Text

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

~Sermon Theme

“Live a Life of Love”

1. Because you’ve been sealed by the Holy Spirit.
2. Because your sins are forgiven by God for Jesus’ sake.
3. Because you are God’s child.
4. Because Jesus’ sacrifice has saved you.

~Offering & Hymn 236 vv. 1-3 *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

~Prayer

~Kyrie (pp. 116-117)

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

~Lord’s Prayer (p. 117)

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 #45 (p. 153)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, that He might overcome the devil, and defend us poor sinners against the adversary: We give thanks to You for Your merciful help, and we beseech You to attend us with Your grace in all temptations, to preserve us from carnal security, and by Your Holy Spirit to keep us in Your Word in Your fear, that we may be delivered from the enemy, and obtain eternal salvation; 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. Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Scrip Program: MVL is looking for several volunteers who would be willing to help with our Scrip program. Volunteers would need to be available on Monday and Friday mornings to spend time at MVL. If interested, contact Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Palmer Bus Service for MVL is looking for a bus driver for the Mankato Route. Training is available to get a license and you do get summers off! There are no student issues... They say **Thank You** when they get off the bus. Contact Randy Gieseke at [507-995-5387](tel:507-995-5387).

Track Coaches Needed: MVL is looking for assistant track coaches for this spring. If you are interested please contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org or [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851).

Booster Club Pork Chop Dinner & Winter Band Concert: Join with MVL family and friends on **Sunday, March 6th** for a day of good food, fellowship, and entertainment, from 10:30AM-1PM, sponsored by a Thrivent Financial Action Team. The Band Concert begins at 1:30PM.

Open House and Registration: We will be hosting our Open House and Registration event on the evening of **Tuesday, March 22**. That evening, beginning at 6:30PM, we will offer tours of our school, a session for parents and students on our mission, academics and activities, and an opportunity to register for the 2016-2017 school year. Parents and students of incoming 9th -12th grade students are invited and encouraged to attend. More information will be shared with the eighth grade students of our association Lutheran elementary schools.

Bethany Lutheran College

Women’s Retreat: Mark your calendar and plan to join us for *Rise Up 2016: Powerful Women Living in Grace*, where women from all walks of life will draw strength and

Monday Night Services: Please note that our Monday night services are not held during this Lenten season. We encourage those who cannot attend church on Sundays to join us for our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. The theme for Lent this year is “Ironies of the Passion”.

Employment Opportunity at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School: Full-time custodian for routine cleaning of Church and School starting April 1, 2016. Includes general maintenance of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems. Includes grounds maintenance. Experience preferred. Flexible hours generally starting after school dismissal and includes weekends. Wages starting at \$13-\$15 per hour depending on experience. Benefits included. For application and more information call the Church office at (507) 345-4966.

After-School Care Needs: Mt. Olive’s After-School Care Program is looking for donations of used Legos. Please drop off your donations in the office. Thank you!

Lenten Suppers: Lenten worship services will take place at 6:30PM through March 16. Lenten Suppers are served from 5-6:15PM. The supper on **Wednesday, March 2** will be a **potluck** so please plan to bring a dish to share!

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455). *~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

Thrivent Members: To designate Thrivent Choice Dollars go to www.Thrivent.com, or call [1-800-847-4836](tel:1-800-847-4836). Options for designating funds include Mount Olive, Bethany College and Seminary, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Thoughts of Faith, and others.

Mt. Olive School Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Krista Petzel krista.petzel@gmail.com.

~**Benediction** (p. 119)

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.**

~**Hymn 236 v. 4** *Let Us Gladly Live With Jesus*

Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Mt. Olive CDS choir director: Principal Larry Rude / Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE/LORD’S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 264/191 10:45am; 172/129 Lenten Service: 187

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD’S WORK: \$13,856.91

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,500

Psalm 116:12, 13 What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

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 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Jeff Younge (captain), Aaron Younge, Tim Roemhildt, Joseph Roemhildt, Dustin Basel

2nd Service: Mark Madson (captain), Kirk Hankins, Joel Petersen, Andy Overn, Ian Overn

Greeters: 1st Service: Don & Beth Westphal, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger, Bob Goetzke, Connie Long

Offering Counters: Sally Sorensen, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Ellie Fisher, LuAnn Sting

WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 28, 2016 – March 6, 2016

Sunday February 28	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 4-7PM 7:30PM	ALL CDS Children Sing – Beginning of Lutheran Schools Week Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service Sr. Youth to WOW! Zone w/ BLC Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday February 29		Lutheran Schools Week at Mt. Olive
Tuesday March 1	8AM 6:30PM	Women’s Bible Study – Books of Acts Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday March 2	7:15-8AM 8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 5-6:15PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Pastries with Parents M.O.M.’s Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study – The prophet Habakkuk Confirmation Lenten Pot Luck Supper Lenten Worship Service Choir
Thursday March 3	1PM	Bethany Band performs at Mt. Olive
Friday March 4	1:30PM 5:30-6:30PM 6:30-8:30PM	Faculty vs. 8 th grade volleyball game Sub Sandwich Supper Fundraiser for the Spring Musical Family Bingo Night
Saturday March 5	9:45AM-3:15PM	Mt. Olive Volunteers @ New 2 You
Sunday March 6	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Mt. Olive Band plays in church Sunday School Sings Mt. Olive Band Bake Sale Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Class/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying our altar today are given to God’s glory in memory of Natalie Hultgren by her family.

Call Extended: The Mount Olive Voters' assembly voted to extend a divine call to Mrs. Elizabeth Stokke to teach in our Christian Day School's Kindergarten class. Please keep Mrs. Stokke in your prayers as she contemplates this call.

Family Bingo Night is Back! Join us on **Friday, March 4** from 6:30-8:30 for Family Bingo Night, a part of our Lutheran Schools Week celebration. Bring your family and invite your friends. Bingo is free to play and there are plenty of prizes. Come for night of fellowship and fun! Also, treat your family to a sub sandwich dinner before bingo from 5:30-6:30.

Sr. Youth Group: Start gearing up for this year’s trip to Dallas, TX with the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) on July 28-31, 2016. The convention’s theme this year is, “Two Kingdoms”. Go to: els.org/lya2016 to register. The cost is \$250 before May 1st, or \$300 after. More info to come regarding the bus to get us there, cost, fundraisers, etc. Any questions? Contact Peter or Sarah Bloedel.

More Greeters Needed: We have a list of greeters who have been "on the job" since November. Thanks to all who have served to this point. We have greeters signed up through March. We would like to complete the schedule through the rest of 2016 if possible. If you are interested in joining the greeting team please call/email Steve Jaeger at 351-2900/sjaeger@blc.edu or stop him at church and let him know you are interested. Thank you in advance for your interest in our greeter program.

Sr. Youth Group Event: Bethany Lutheran College is hosting a Youth Group event for Mt. Olive, Peace, St. Paul’s and St. Mark’s at the WOW! Zone in Mankato **TODAY, Sunday, February 28** from 4-7PM. FREE bowling, mini-golf, laser tag, pizza and pop are provided.

Donations Requested: *Easter for Kids* is looking for some donations for their event on March 19. They will need plastic Easter eggs and paper towel or toilet paper roll cardboard tubes. Please drop off your donations in the front entry way. Thank you!