



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 1, 2016, 8:30 & 10:45am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

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:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all. (1 Timothy 2:1-6) Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

~Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41)

~Opening Prayer (p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

~Hymn 3 *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise*

~Confession of Sin (pp. 41-42, form II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison (pp. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**Absolution** (p. 43, form II)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (pp. 44-45)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

~**Salutation** (p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** (p. 45)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You have promised us that whatever we ask in His name You will give us: We beseech You, keep us in Your Word, and grant us Your Holy Spirit, that He may govern us according to Your will; protect us from the power of the devil, from false doctrine and worship; and also defend our lives against all danger. Grant us Your blessing and peace, that we may in all things perceive Your merciful help, and both now and forever praise and glorify You as our gracious Father; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 29:11-14 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the

nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

~Men's Choir, *Listen to My Prayer, O Lord* – Handt Hanson

Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my sigh.

Listen to my prayer, O Lord, and hear my voice.

Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house.

I can bow down to you in rev'ence meant for you.

Lord, please let me do your will; make your way plain.

Save me from my enemies, and hear my voice.

Because of your great love, I can come into your holy house.

I can bow down to you in rev'ence meant for you.

Listen to my prayer.

~Epistle Lesson

James 1:22-27 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

~Nicene Creed (p. 47)

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.

~Hymn 256 *When Afflictions Sore Oppress You*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

John 16:23-28 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

~Sermon Theme

“The Privilege of Prayer”

1. Its Preciousness.
2. Its Purpose.
3. What is Promised in Response.

~Prayer of the Church (pp. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Offering & Hymn 320 vv. 1, 4, 6-8 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Bestowed

(Guests: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

** **Holy Communion:** This morning the confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~Exhortation (pp. 52-53)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 53)

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 (p. 54)

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 (p. 55)

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

Hymn 327 v. 1 *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

Hymn 383 vv. 1-3 *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above*

Hymn 327 v. 2 *Thy Holy Body*

Hymn 383 vv. 4-6 *Thy Will Be Done on Earth, O Lord*

Hymn 327 v. 3 *May God Bestow on Us*

Hymn 383 vv. 7-8 *Into Temptation Lead Us Not*

Hymn 313 vv. 11, 12 *Thy Body Giv'n For Me*

~Dismissal (p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Collect of Thanksgiving (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 (pp. 56-57)

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 383 v. 8, 9 *Deliv'rance From All Evil Give*

~Closing Prayer (p. 57)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John J. Petersen

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Men's Choir: "4 or More" / Accompanist: Kristin Matzke

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 289 10:45am; 443 Monday: 35

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$11,513.47

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

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

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: Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz, Seth Tweit,
John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: David Munson (captain), Matthew Munsen, Dan Maas,
Justin Maas, Craig Christensen

Greeters: 1st Service: Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Eldon Sting, Lois Otto

2nd Service: Bob & Ruth Heidenreich, Mark & Vivian Smith

Offering Counters: Craig Christiansen, Bruce Gratz

Altar Guild: LuAnn Sting, Lynette Merseith

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *May 1, 2016 – May 8, 2016*

Sunday May 1	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	Sunday School/Bible Class/ Bible Information Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	5PM	Lutheran Girl Pioneers at Peace Lutheran Church
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday May 2	6:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Board of Education
	6:45PM	Board of Deacons
	7PM	Planned Giving Committee
Tuesday May 3	8AM	Women’s Bible Study – <i>Book of Acts</i>
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday May 4	8:05AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Bible Study – <i>The Epistle of James</i>
	3:45PM	Confirmation
Thursday May 5	6:30PM	Ascension Service & CDS Band Concert at BLC in Trinity Chapel
Friday May 6	7PM	MVL Spring Play, <i>Penelope’s Paws</i> 8 th Grade Lock-In at Mt. Olive
Saturday May 7	9:45AM-3:15PM	Mt. Olive volunteers at New 2 You
	2 & 7 PM	MVL Spring Play, <i>Penelope’s Paws</i>
Sunday May 8 Mother’s Day		Children’s Choir Sings
	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	Sunday School/Bible Class/ Bible Information Class
	10:45AM	Divine Service
	7:30PM	Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God’s glory by Dean & LuAnn Shoop, in memory of Isaiah Shoop and other loved ones already home in heaven.

Ascension Service & Band Concert: Mt. Olive’s Ascension Service/CDS Band Concert on Thursday, **May 5** will be held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College at 6:30PM.

Borrowing Tables & Chairs: Anyone wishing to borrow tables or chairs from Mt. Olive for upcoming events should call or email the office (**507-345-4966** or **church@mtolivelutheran.org**) so we can be sure there are enough available.

Are you available during the lunch hour for a few weeks in May? Our school is looking for someone to assist with serving lunch on weekdays between 11AM and 12:30PM from Monday, May 9th through Thursday, May 26th. This is a great opportunity to get to know the wonderful students and faculty at Mt. Olive! If you're willing and able to help, please contact the church office at 345-7927.

Softball Umpires needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran Grade School sponsors a grade school co-ed softball tournament on Tuesday, May 17 at Caswell Park beginning at 9:00. The tournament usually gets done around 3:30. We are looking for volunteers (or paid individuals) for umping. Umps don't call balls or strikes, just bases. Each batter gets 4 pitches to attempt to get a hit. Batters may still strike out. Umps will need to know the basic softball rules. If you are able to help out on this day, please contact Mr. Z by calling the school office at 345-7927 or emailing Mr. Z at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org.

A Syttende Mai Smorgasbord will be served at Norseland Lutheran Church on Saturday, **May 14**. Serving time will be from 4:00-7:30 pm. Please note the change in date for the smorgasbord this year! Prices are \$13/adults and \$3/children age 6-12. Norseland Lutheran Church is located at 37777 State Hwy 22, St. Peter.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Camp Bus: Youth going to Camp Indianhead can sign-up to work at Pizza Ranch to raise funds for camp transportation. The fundraiser will take place on Monday, **June 20** during synod week from 4:30 to 9:00PM. Youth may sign-up for 1 or both shifts. Contact Lance Johnson for information [507-720-2130](tel:507-720-2130) or lgustavj77@gmail.com.

Camp Indianhead is scheduled for **July 10-15** at Luther Island Camp, and is open to boys and girls ages 11-16. The cost per camper is \$275. Register online at: islandcamp.org (scroll down and click on our logo, then click "create new parent") or ask the church office for registration and health forms. ***Families are encouraged to reserve bus seats early for their camper(s).*** Reservations made by **May 8, 2016** cost \$30 per camper, and \$45 per camper after. The bus holds 35 passengers, so please email or call Lance Johnson with the names of your camper(s) at:

lgustavj77@gmail.com or 507-720-2130. We appreciate and thank Lance for serving our campers and families in this way!

Sr. Youth Group: DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER BY TODAY, May 1st for Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) on **July 28-31, 2016** in Dallas, TX. The convention's theme this year is, "Two Kingdoms". **Go to: els.org/lya16/ to register. The cost is \$250 before May 1st**, or \$300 after. We have reserved up to three buses to leave from Mankato, MN on Wednesday, July 27th at 3PM, and return on Monday, August 1st by late-morning. (You will be notified of the cost soon! ***Please note that this cost IS SEPARATE than the cost of the LYA convention***). Any questions? Contact Lance Johnson, or Peter or Sarah Bloedel.

New 2 You Volunteer Appreciation/Annual Meeting: As our way of giving thanks for your unwavering support throughout the year we are holding our Volunteer Appreciation/Annual Meeting **TODAY, April 24th** at St. Paul's Church, North Mankato. Your efforts combine to help us with our goal of supporting Christian education. Thank You! Please join us for dessert and conversation from 2-4PM. ***(Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.)***

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Positions Opening at MVL: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is seeking applicants for the position of Financial Secretary. We are looking for an individual who is familiar with financial procedures and software, possesses strong computer skills and has a desire to be an integral part of MVL's ministry. If interested, contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or tplath@mvlhs.org for an application.

MVL is also seeking applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant for Development. We are looking for an individual who possesses an aptitude to maintain alumni and donor databases, plan and coordinate events, is proficient in the Microsoft Suite, and has a desire to be an integral part of MVL's ministry. If interested, contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or tplath@mvlhs.org for an application.

Spring Drama Production: The MVL Drama Group will present *Penelope's Paws* on Friday, **May 6** at 7PM and Saturday, **May 7** at 2PM & 7PM.

Bethany Lutheran College

Job Openings: Bethany has an immediate opening for the head coach of the men's and women's tennis program, head coach of the softball program, and head coach of the men's basketball program. For more information, contact Paulette Tonn Booker at Paulette.TonnBooker@blc.edu or 507-344-7840.

Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. in Trinity Chapel: **Brittany Boyum** soprano voice recital **Tyler Behny** voice and composition recital,

Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel: **Spring Instrumental Festival**, featuring Bethany's Chapel Brass and String Band ensembles.

Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m. in Trinity Chapel: Brittany Moldstad and Hannah Mumme, students of Dr. Bethel Balge, perform a **dual piano recital**.

Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. in Trinity Chapel: **Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert**, featuring music by the Concert Choir, Mary Martha Singers, and Handbell Choir. Free and open to the public, with a free will offering collected during the concert.

Commencement: Bethany's Commencement Service is Friday, May 13 at 10:30AM.

Community Events

Looking for a fun opportunity with a flexible schedule? New 2You has an immediate opening for a part time position. The position is 18-22 hours/week including two Saturday's a month and involves a lot of standing. The applicant must be able to lift heavy objects. Looking for a friendly face to help people when dropping off donations, assisting volunteers with the cash register and supporting the manager with other duties as assigned. This position pays \$9.00/hr. Stop by New 2 You to pick up an application. For questions, call [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455) and ask for Lila.

St. Peter Lutheran School in St. Peter, MN is looking to hire a teachers' aide for the next school year. This position will be for 150 days and will pay \$11.00 an hour. The scheduled day for the aide will be from 8:30AM to 2PM. If you are interested, please contact St. Peter Lutheran School, 427 West Mulberry, St. Peter, MN 56082 or call the church office at 931-1866 for a complete job description and an application form.