

MT. OLIVE
Lutheran Church



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Our Mission Statement:

“Mt Olive exists to proclaim God's Word in its truth and purity, so that each believer may GROW in their faith in Jesus and be equipped to GO with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world, so that together we may GLORIFY God into eternity.”

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Live services are broadcast and archived services available via the website, Facebook, Roku, or YouTube.

February 18, 2018

Lent 1

Worship: Wednesday 7P.M. & Sunday 8&10:30A.M.

Growth in the Word: Sunday 9:30A.M.

Welcome...to our visitors and guests who are with us today. We are pleased and privileged to have you join us as we focus our attention on the One Who was sacrificed in our stead, so we could be safe forever. May our gracious God bless us to keep our “eyes on the skies” and to be ready for His imminent return!

For Parents with Small Children: Toddler “Busy Bags” are available for use-located on the west wall of church. The lower west kitchen (near the rest rooms) also contains a speaker system so that you may listen in on the service while attending to the needs of your little one. Please ask if there's any other way we can serve you!

Our Worship:

Opening Hymn of Praise: CW 431 “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

Liturgy: Service of the Word (p. 38 in the front of the Hymnal)

Scripture Lessons:

First Lesson: Romans 8:31-39 (p. 1119 in the pew Bible)

Psalm of the Day: 6 (p. 66 in the front of the hymnal)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:12-15 (p. 990)

Children's Sermon: All kids are invited to approach the altar to be nurtured in their faith in Jesus.

Hymn of the Day: CWS 714 “The Lamb”

Sermon: Genesis 22:1-18 (p. 19)

THEME: Help Me, LORD-To Pass the Test!

The Apostles' Creed (p. 41)

Offering of our gifts to help share the Gift of salvation and life with the world!

Hymn: CW 200 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Closing Hymn of Praise: CW 403 “I Know My Faith Is Founded”

THE LORD'S WEEK AT MT OLIVE:

TODAY- 8&10:30 Lent One Worship
9:30 A.M. Bible Study Hour
6:30P.M. Women's Bi-monthly Bible Study and Fellowship
MONDAY- 7P.M. Monday Night Church at St. Mark
WEDNESDAY- 3 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study
4:30P.M. Catechism
7:00PM-Midweek Lenten Worship w/ Pastor Schultz
THURSDAY- No Thursday Night Worship (will resume after Easter)
SUNDAY- 8&10:30 Communion Worship
9:30A.M. Bible Study Hour

NEWS N NOTES:

THANK YOU We thank Linda Tesch – for serving as our organist this morning...and for serving as a great example of someone who's never too busy to serve Jesus (even though you're very busy!) May the Lord bless you and fill you with joy even as you have been a blessing to us!

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY: We meet today, between services, for "Growth in the Word" for all ages. We encourage parents to bring their kids/teens for Bible study and to stick around to "lead by their examples" by growing in the Word themselves.

THE ANNUAL MARRIAGE SEMINAR will be held March 9&10 at the Holiday Inn Express Lincoln Southwest. The theme of this year's seminar is "Sticky Marriages." If you wish to spend the night there, the Holiday Inn Express has given us a block rate of \$89 for 1 king size bed. This includes breakfast the next morning at the Aura restaurant. If you are interested in this, go to www.holiday-inn.com/lincoln-sw. Use the code ZLC. If you wish to call the hotel directly, identify yourself as being a part of the Zion Lutheran Church group that is meeting there. If you have any questions, please let me know. Please invite anyone that you would like. We will register until March 5. For more information contact Pastor Kahrs at 402-989-4775 or s.kahrs@hotmail.com

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP: This Wednesday, February 21st, Pastor Schultz from Faith in Rising City will serve us with the Word of God as we gather to focus on Jesus Our Great High Priest Who is also our Compassionate High Priest (cf. Hebrews 4:14-16). Worship begins at 7P.M.

LENTEN BIBLE READINGS: On the back table is a schedule for Lenten Bible readings-to encourage you in your reading of God's Word...and growth in faith. It is a "semi-aggressive schedule" (read through the 4 Gospels in the 40 days of Lent) that will take approximately 20 minutes a day to finish. You may also make use of Bible Gateway to read or listen to these sections online. Bible Gateway is found at www.biblegateway.com

IF YOU HAVE THRIVENT products, right now is a perfect time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Mt. Olive, St. Mark Elementary School, Nebraska Lutheran, or any other 501(c)(3) nonprofit or congregation that meets program [eligibility rules](#). All Choice Dollars from 2017 can be designated until March 31. **Board of Education:** The Board of Ed met and would like feedback on VBS dates this year. There are available weeks at the beginning or end of summer or the possibility of a one day soccer camp. Please let Pastor, Tom Monroe or Stephen Boggs know if you have a preference. Final dates will be evaluated and published next month.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Marilyn Joe, Margaret Hitz Tiffany Beiermann, Delores Wasserman

Ushering: J & I Meyer, R & C Hernandez M Schleusener, R Krenke, R & G Wasserman

Cleaning God's House This Next week*:Downstairs-Bergen Upstairs-Brase Narthex-Costin

*If you're unable to clean please contact Kevin Ferrell at 402-430-7823 and he will find you a sub.

GOD'S WORD FOR ADVENT 1

Genesis 22:1-18 Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ²Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." ³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹²"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." ¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Romans 8:31-39 ³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 1:12-15 ¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. ¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

The new cleaning and altar care schedules will be drawn up in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to serve in either way and are not on the list, please sign up. If you can no longer serve, please make a note on the sign-up sheet or contact Karen Helberg.

Many hands make light work.