



Mt Olive Evangelical 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 faith and then **GO** with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world so that together we may **GLORIFY** God into eternity”

ministers: every member

President: Greg Boggs

Pastor: Tim Kemnitz

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS-Caring and Conservative)

March 4, 2018

Lent 3

Worship: Sunday: 8 & 10:30 A.M.

“Growth in the Word” Sunday 9:30A.M.

Welcome to the new faces that are here with us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Today our God reminds us of His Son’s obedience and reverence for the Third Commandment/His Father’s house. May God fill us with zeal to hear His Word and bless our worship of Him! *For Parents with small children: A “quiet room/nursery” is available to you if needed-where you can hear the service while tending to the needs of your little one. (in the lower West kitchen) Just ask if there’s anything else you need.*

Our Worship:

Pastor Greeting and Focus for Worship

Opening Hymn of Praise: CW 224 “GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT”

MEDITATION ON THE COMMANDMENTS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees;

C: **then I will keep them to the end.**

Psalm 119:33

P: Direct me in the path of your commands,

C: **for there I find delight.**

Psalm 119:35

P: How I long for your precepts!

C: **Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

Psalm 119:40

PRAYER

P: Lord God, you are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Fill us with the peace of your forgiveness so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen (spoken)**

THE COMMANDMENTS OF OUR GOD

P: You shall have no other gods.

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

P: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

P: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

P: Honor your father and mother; that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give them love and respect.

P: You shall not murder.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

P: You shall not commit adultery.

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

P: You shall not steal.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

P: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor: betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

OUR COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 73 in the pew Bible)

Psalm of the Day: 19 (p. 70 in the front of the hymnal)

New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:1-10 (p.1118)

Hymn of the Day: CW 226 "TO YOUR TEMPLE I DRAW NEAR "

Sermon Text: John 2:13-21 (p. 1051)

Theme: Lord, Help Me Remember Why I'm Here...

CHRISTIAN RESOLUTION, PRAYER AND LORDS PRAYER

P: Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

C: Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods.

Joshua 24:14a;15b;16

P: You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God.

C: No! We will serve the Lord. We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.

Joshua 24:19a;21;24

P: Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing on our service to You. You are a holy God. You are a jealous God. Without your help, we cannot serve you. Please send Your Holy Spirit to grant strength for our service to You. Motivate us by your Son's great love for us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We pray this in our Savior's name, in whose name we also join in praying...

Offering of our thank offerings—a small token of our appreciation for God's gifts to us of forgiveness and life!

Hymn: CW 287 "THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE"

Responsive Prayer: For the Season of Lent

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

P: Help us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord...in Whose name we also join in praying...

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn of Praise: CW 319 "ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Nicki Hopwood, Dee Kemnitz

Emma Gettemy, Shawna Fox

Ushering: K, G & G Ferrell, Thomas Smith

M Lauber, C Hansen, D Kauk, S Boggs

Cleaning God's House This Next week*: Downstairs- Duren Upstairs-Hernandez Narthex-Fox

Our Week in the Lord at Mt. Olive (If God so wills it!)

TODAY- 8&10:30 Worship

9:30A.M. Growth in the Word

6:30 Women's Bible Study and Fellowship

MONDAY- 7:00P.M. Board of Education

7:00P.M. Monday Night Worship @ St. Mark

WEDNESDAY- 3P.M. Windcrest Bible Study (72th and Van Dorn)

4:30 P.M. Catechism

7 P.M. Midweek Lenten Worship w/ Pastor Berger

THURSDAY- No Evening Worship at Mt. Olive until after Easter

SATURDAY – Set your clocks up one hour! Daylight Savings Time starts tomorrow.

SUNDAY- 8&10:30A.M. Communion Worship

9:30A.M. Growth in the Word

4P.M. NELHS Association meeting (Delegates are encouraged to attend!)

NEWS-N-NOTES

To our guests and visitors: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for coffee after the service in the back of church. Please sign our guest register so we have a record of your visit with us today and please join us again!

Thank you, Eva Van Egmond, for taking time and making the wonderful effort in using your God-given energy in serving as our organist this morning. Well done, good and faithful servant!!!

E-GIVING: Want to stay consistent with your offerings? Why not check into "E-giving?" – the electronic giving program which takes care of your offerings for you via an automatic withdrawal system. You set the amount

and days/duration and let the system take care of the rest. Talk to Rod Wasserman if you have any questions. "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..." I Corinthians 16:2

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, and then they are gone.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP: This Wednesday, March 7th, Pastor Berger will serve us with the Word of God as we gather to focus on Jesus Our Great High Priest Who Serves at a Great Altar. (cf. Hebrews 13:10-16). Worship begins at 7P.M.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR: LAST chance to register for the ANNUAL MARRIAGE SEMINAR is tomorrow, March 5. For more information contact Pastor Kahrs at 402-989-4775 or s.kahrs@hotmail.com

EASTER FOR KIDS is right around the corner, March 24th 9am-12:15pm. We are looking for LOTS of volunteers to help lead stations, shepherd kids to activities, and help in other areas. We could also use candy for Easter for Kids and for our annual Easter egg hunt Easter Sunday. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex. Contact Liz Satterthwaite, or Stacy Schleusener with any questions.

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR FOCUS ON LENT 3

Exodus 20:1-17 And God spoke all these words: ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Romans 8:1-10 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

John 2:13-21 ¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” ²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body.



EASTER FOR KIDS

Saturday March 24, 2018

9:00am-12:15pm

(Registration begins at 8:45am)

Children 3 – 4th grade welcome

(children must be potty trained)

Learn the true meaning of Easter through Bible stories, crafts, activities, music, and an egg hunt! A snack will be provided

THERE IS NO COST TO YOU!!

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