



# Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

7979 Holdrege Street, Lincoln Nebraska 68505

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Our Purpose: We exist as a family in Christ to encourage and be encouraged by one another in our faith in Jesus, and to get the good news out to the ends of the world-that God loves and forgives all sinners because of Jesus.

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August 30<sup>st</sup> & September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
Sunday Worship  
Thursday Evening

Pentecost 15/Labor Day  
8&10:30 A.M.  
7:00 P.M.

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Pastor's Greeting and Focus for Worship

Opening Hymn of Praise: 286 "The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"

Invocation:

P: In the name of the God the Father-Who set aside a day of rest-the Sabbath- for our bodies and souls; In the name of God the Son-our Rest from heaven, Who has unburdened us of our sins and has given us an easy yoke to bear; in the name of God the Holy Spirit Who provides rest for our souls by working through the Word of God to set us at ease in God's presence through our forgiveness and to strengthen us for the journey that lies ahead.

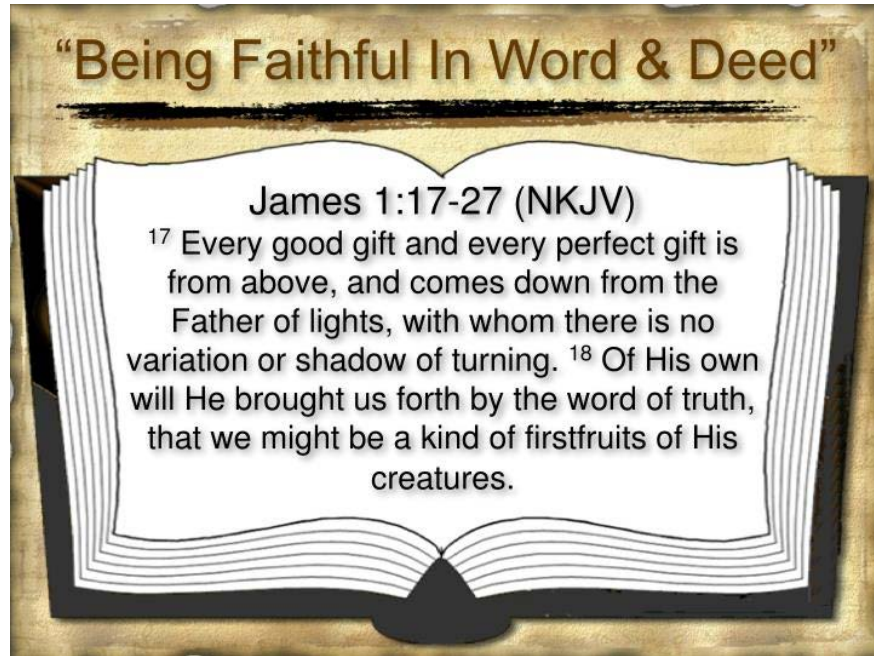
**C: Amen**

Our Common Confession & God's Forgiveness in Christ

P: In Matthew 11 Our Savior invites us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (vs. 28-30)

Our loathsome sinfulness has left us with a horrible load of guilt and a burden too heavy for us to bear. Our consciences weigh us down and our own culpability threatens to sink us into the eternal quagmire of hell. Let us go to our Savior and take Him up on His gracious offer-to unburden ourselves of our sins and their accompanying guilt through confession and faith.

**C: Lord Jesus, I stand before you today a wretched sinner who cannot even begin to dig myself out of the hole I've created for myself by sinning against you and against my Father in heaven. Please unburden me from this oppressive weight of guilt and shame and fear of hell. Provide rest for my soul-not because I deserve it, but because of Your great mercy to sinners which prompted you to bear the cross for their and my release!**



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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

P: Christ our Lord tirelessly lived up to the standard of God before taking on the weight of the world's sins by taking on a cross –at Calvary where He suffered hell for us. He has lifted from your guilty shoulders and from mine the crushing bondage of death and sin. He has provided rest for your weary soul by forgiving all your sins.

**C: Thank You, Savior, for setting me free from eternal death. Help me now to willingly live for You!**

Prayer of the Day:

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The Lessons:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 6-9 (p. 175 in the black pew Bible)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119c (p. 111 in hymnal)

James 1:17-27 (p1196)

The Children's Sermon

The Hymn of the Day: 459 "O God, My Faithful God"

The Sermon: Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23 (p. 997)

Theme: Don't Be a Pharisee

I. They Assumed That a Person Is Clean From the Inside Out and Gets Holy From the Outside In

II. They Disregarded The One Who Came to Make Us Clean and Holy In the Eyes of God

The Offering Is Received: (An opportunity to show Him our thanks for all He's done.)

Prayer:

Almighty God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. All the stars, the sun and moon, all energies and forces, the sea and clouds are messengers of your wonder and might. For your creation, we praise you, O Father. We pray for your Church and your people. Grant us ministers and teachers who are led by your Spirit and earnestly and faithfully hold forth your Word of Life. Save us from all false prophets and deceitful guides that we, being knit together in love, may with one mind strive for the truth of your Word.

Guard and defend our homes that parents may be kept in the bonds of love and rule their children well, nourishing them in truth and in righteousness.

Bestow your favor on all useful labor in industry and agriculture, education and science, the professions and the arts, that in their advancement your people may prosper.

We pray for all who may be ill in body, mind or spirit; for all who may be in danger; for all who may be in anxiety or perplexity; for all who may be suffering disappointment or defeat. Be present with them in their afflictions; show them the way out of all their troubles and save them for your mercy's sake.

Lord we especially ask for your presence and healing for all who are struggling in the aftermath of hurricane Lane and those who suffered loss in the recent storms in Wisconsin. Give the survivors of those weather events the strength to regroup and rebuild.

Let them especially establish now their spiritual foundation on Christ the solid rock so that whatever other storms may arise in their lives they will withstand to stand with you and with all of us who rely on you alone for salvation on the day of judgment.

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

*Silent prayer*

Heavenly Father, you did not spare your own Son but freely gave him up for us all. Mercifully grant these and all other acceptable petitions that you read in our hearts in the name of Jesus...in Who's name we join in praying...

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymn:498 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

Prayer:

P: Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the sins of the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen**

Closing Hymn of Praise: 494 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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## THE LORD'S WEEK AT MT OLIVE

TODAY- 8& 10:30 A.M. Worship

9:30 A.M. Bible Study Hour

MONDAY- 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting

7:00 PM-Evening Worship @ St. Mark (for those who missed on Sunday)

TUESDAY- 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Teachers' Meet

WEDNESDAY – 3 PM Windcrest Bible Study

THURSDAY- 7:00PM Evening Worship

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

9:30A.M. Family Bible Study Hour/FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF

Noon – 4PM Family Fun Carnival

### NEWS N NOTES

**THANK YOU:** We thank Linda Tesch for serving HIM by serving as our organist this morning. Thanks Linda, for taking on the light and loving “burden” of serving our Savior.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY:** Next Sunday fall Sunday School starts again. God has blessed us once again with a wonderful group of teachers who are very willing and capable of taking on the important task of feeding Jesus' lambs.

**CARNIVAL, NEXT SUNDAY!** Mark your calendars, Sunday school @ 9am then carnival fun 12-4. Have you signed up for something yet?? If not, stop and sign up. Don't know what you can do? Put your name on a blank square and discover the adventure when you are there! Have you brought in your candy or 2 liters of soda yet? No worries, you have a week to get it here! This week will fly by and we hope to see every one of you having fun and fellowship at the CARNIVAL!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP** will start again two weeks from now, Sunday, September 16 @ 6:30 pm. This is open to all women from Mt. Olive and St. Mark. The first book we are going to do is I Know His Name by Wendy Blight. This is a repeat study from a couple of years ago but SO good. If you have questions about the study or how to obtain your book, please contact Stacy Schleusener @ 402-202-8971. Hope you can join us!

**NEW PRAYER GROUP FOR WOMEN:** Marci Albert if offering to lead a women's prayer group on Monday nights from 6-7PM starting September 10<sup>th</sup>. Prayer partners will meet at church and will lay out before the LORD prayers for our families and our schools. All women are invited. For more information, contact Marci at 402-670-8772 or malbert@neb.rr.com

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Ellen Donahoe, Dee Kemnitz

Tiffany Beiermann, Heidi Brase

Ushering: B&J Uphoff, T Richie, J Donahoe

Jeff Sadler, Craig Beiermann

Cleaning God's House This Next week: Downstairs- Kemnitz Upstairs- Meyer Narthex-Monroe

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

Mowing: Kyle Kemnitz, CJ Kemnitz

In God's House 8/23&26: 13+?+58=71

## GOD'S WORD FOR OUR FOCUS PENTECOST 15/Labor Day Weekend

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9** 4 Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. 6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? 9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

**James 1:17-27** 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. 19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. 26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

**Mark 7:1-8, 14,15,21-23** 7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus 2 and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?” 6 He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 7 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.” 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.” 14 Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. 15 Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” 21 For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”