



## *Mt Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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ministers: every member

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September 9, 2018

Worship Thursday 7P.M. Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM

Pentecost 16/Christian Education Sunday

Family Bible Study Hour Sunday 9:30-10:15A.M.

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**FOR PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN:** Children’s “busy bags” are available (located on the West wall) to help occupy anxious hands. Just ask an usher if there’s anything else you may need.

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Pastor’s Opening Greeting and Focus for Worship (Installation of our Sunday School teachers, our Youth Group teachers, and our Women’s Bible Study Leader will take place in the second service on Sunday.)

Opening Hymn of Praise: 511 “O Lord, our God, Your Gracious Hand”

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Great are the works of the Lord;

**C: They are pondered by all who delight in them.**

P: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

**C: And his righteousness endures forever.**

P: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

**C: The Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**C: To him belongs eternal praise.**

P: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**C: Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths.**

P: I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

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P: My soul will boast in the Lord

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Our Confession of Sins:

P: In John chapter 21 we hear how Jesus commanded Peter whom He was reinstating, after his fall, “Feed my Lambs; Take care of my sheep; Feed my sheep”. From these exhortations, we see how important it is to our Lord that His flock be cared for and nurtured in the Word of God. We as a Christian congregation and as individuals are to take these commands seriously-both for our own soul’s sake and for the sake of the souls entrusted to our care as a congregation. Let us go to our Savior now and confess to Him our many sins which concern the improper “care and feeding” of our faith and the faith of others.

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd, Who has laid down Your life for us Your sheep...please forgive us for the times we have not taken seriously the command to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18) While we would never neglect the feeding of our bodies, we have too often compromised the feeding of our souls by exposing ourselves to all kinds of influences that lead us away from your saving truth. We have spent far too much time watching T.V. instead of hearing your Word; we have listened to the voices of this evil world and have often neglected the one thing needful; we have too often concerned ourselves more with surviving in this world than with surviving this world and standing with You in heaven. We deserve Your anger and Your just punishment for our sins! Please forgive us and help us to focus once again on proper priorities for our lives.**

P: Your Savior lives and loves to forgive His fallen children. Just as He reinstated His fallen disciple Peter, so too, He reinstates us and comforts us and gives us direction and strength in our ministries rendered to Him. He gets us back on our feet, motivated by His love and forgiveness to run the race mark out for us-for His glory!!!

**C: Thanks be to God-for His unspeakable gift!**

Prayer of the Day:

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safely without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

God’s Word-Our Focus:

First Lesson: I Kings 2:1-4 (p. 327 in the black pew Bibles)

Our Solemn Vow: Psalm 78

Pastor: O my people, hear my teaching;

**People: listen to the words of my mouth.**

Pastor: I will utter things from of old,

**People: what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

Pastor: We will not hide them from our children;

**People: we will tell the next generation the praise worthy deeds of the Lord.**

Pastor: The Lord decreed statutes for Jacob

**People: and established the law in Israel,**

Pastor: so the next generation would know them,

**People: and they in turn would tell their children.**

Pastor: Then they would put their trust in God

**People: and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:22-35 (p. 1038)

Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4 RSV)

We Confess our Common Faith: The Second Article

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is sitting at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*What does this mean?*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

Hymn of the Day: 514 “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

SERMON TEXT: Romans 15:4 (p. 1125 in the pew Bible)

Theme: The Past Provides Hope for the Present and Promise for the Future

The Offering is Received (a small token of our gratitude for all our many gifts received)

**Prayer of the Church - Christian Education**

P: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

*Silent prayer.*

P: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. You never command your people to do what you don’t also equip and motivate to carry out. Help us as we strive, by your grace, to put away the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

**C: Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**

P: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

**C: Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

P: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

**C: Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.**

P: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

**C: Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**

*Special prayer and intercessions may follow*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

**ALL: May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus...in Whose name we join in praying...**

**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.**

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

About the Lord's Supper: We of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) practice close communion. We do this because we take seriously all that God's Word says about receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who receive it should examine themselves before receiving it. Those who receive it together should be of the same confession. Etc. (cf. I Cor 11:28; I Cor 10:17) Visitors and guests-if you haven't received Lord's Supper at our altar, we politely ask that you would speak to the pastor before receiving it with us. We don't want to be presumptuous and assume your fellowship ties with us. We don't want you to receive it to your spiritual harm. We would be more than happy to explain what God's Word says about the Lord's Supper and why we do what we do.

Communion Liturgy: P. 33

Distribution Hymn: 313 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Prayer: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your Kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord

**C: Amen**

Closing Hymn of Praise: 510 "I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus"

#### SERMON OUTLINE: Romans 15:4

Intro: "Those who don't learn from the mistakes of the past are bound to repeat them!" There is great benefit from learning history-especially Bible History...

Theme: The Past Provides Hope for the Present and Promise for the Future

#### I. Paul's Little Encouragement For the "Strugglers" In Rome

Transition: The winds were changing...For Paul...

##### A. Being a Christian in Rome-not So Easy...

1. The belly of the beast...Christians were mercilessly mauled (literally!)

2. Paul himself is going to need to endure and be encouraged

##### B. Do you feel the winds changing? Cold wind blowing for us Christians?

1. How do we best equip God's little soldiers for battle?

2. Bible stories are a stabilizing force...they build resilience...

aa) Today's push-be proactive in building resilience (Vitamin C & Flu shots)

bb) The smart move: Be forward thinking in anticipating what's coming...

##### C. Some things never change

1. Devil still alive and well...

aa) II Corinthians 2:11...that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes..

bb) Important to understand the enemy...look back to Eden...

cc) Talk about discouragement-we have experienced his schemes first hand!

2. Jesus is still alive and well and we with Him!

aa) That story from the past offers more encouragement than any other-His resurrection

bb) It starts out with discouragement-yet what an encouraging turnaround E-A-S-T-E-R

#### II. God's Little Encouragement For Modern Day "Survivor wannabees"

Transition: CEUs and their relevance in the work place...The smart person takes advantage of the CEUs offered by their church...(Peter's reminder to "Grow")

##### A. Ongoing Trials and Struggles

1. Things you can count on

2. Days of Discouragement (ever worry when things are going too well?)

##### B. Endurance is Taught in the Scriptures

1. "Hall of faith chapter" (Heb. 11) All these people were living by faith...

2. Those people survived (even when they didn't survive!!!)

##### C. We are in Good Company

1. I Peter 5:9 Your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering...

2. Peter's "normalizing" of the conditions for being a Christian...as Jesus himself points out: You can't really be a Christian without bearing a cross (Luke 9:23)

CONCLUSION: There are tons groups who use acronyms involving the word H.O.P.E...

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD AT MT. OLIVE (if God is so gracious)

TODAY- 8&10:30A.M. Communion Worship  
9:30A.M. Fall Sunday School Kicks Off  
9:30A.M. Bible Study  
12 noon – 4PM, Family Fun Carnival, all are welcome!!!  
MONDAY- 6 – 7 PM Women’s prayer group meets at Mt. Olive  
7P.M. Evening Worship at St. Mark  
TUESDAY-6:30 P.M. Church Council meeting  
WEDNESDAY- 3PM Windcrest Bible Study  
4:30P.M. Catechism Class  
THURSDAY-7P.M. Evening Worship  
SUNDAY-8&10:30 Worship  
9:30A.M. Growth in the Word  
6:30 P.M. Women’s Bible Study at Emily Sulzle’s house, 2141 W Sandpiper Lane

**NEWS N NOTES**

**THANK YOU:** We thank Jackie Kronebusch for serving HIM by serving as our organist this morning. Thanks Jackie, for letting your light shine by shining the spotlight on Jesus.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS STARTING:** Today Fall Sunday School starts up 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. Teachers will be installed in the beginning of the second service. Please keep these important ministers in your prayers and please show your support for their ministries by bringing your children faithfully to Sunday School!!!

**CATECHISM IS BEGINNING:** We are meeting on Wednesday afternoons-from 4:30-6P.M. for Catechism instruction for all 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please contact Pastor Kemnitz if this does not work with your child’s schedule-so that we can figure out a better time/day to meet. We convene again this Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP** will start again next week, 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

**NEW PRAYER GROUP FOR WOMEN:** Marci Albert is 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: Tom Richie, B&J Uphoff, Jarred Donahoe

Jeff Sadler, Craig Beiermann

Cleaning God’s House This Next week: Downstairs- Richie, Upstairs- N Rassmussen, Narthex-E Rassmussen

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

Mowing: Kevin Hoffer, George Ellis

**GOD’S WORD FOR OUR ENCOURAGEMENT  
ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY:**

**1 Kings 2:1-4**

When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.<sup>2</sup> “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man,<sup>3</sup> and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go<sup>4</sup> and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: ‘If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.’

**Romans 15:4**

<sup>4</sup>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

**Luke 17:22-35**

<sup>22</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. <sup>23</sup>People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. <sup>24</sup>For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. <sup>25</sup>But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup>“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup>People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup>“It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup>But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup>“It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup>On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup>Remember Lot’s wife! <sup>33</sup>Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup>I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup>Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”