



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 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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Our Christian Mission Statement: (According to Martin Luther) “The only reason we Christians are living on earth is to help other people. Otherwise it would be best if God let us die as soon as we were baptized and had begun to believe. But He allows us to live here so that we will bring other people to faith, just as He has done for us.”

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November 4, 2018 Pentecost 24
Worship 7P.M. [Thursday] 8&10:30A.M. [Sunday] Growth in the Word 9:30A.M. [Sunday]

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GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit
C: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN 282 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear, verse 1

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth! *(Psalm 119:97-99,103)*

HYMN 282 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear, verse 2

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

Our Week in the Lord at Mt. Olive (God Willing!):

Today: 8:00&10:30 AM Worship
9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Study
6:30 PM Women’s Bible Study and Fellowship (Beckmann’s home 7201 N. 16th)
Monday: 9 AM Pastors’ Monthly Study @ Mt. Olive
7 PM Worship at St. Mark, post view of Sunday
Tuesday: 9-10AM Women’s Prayer Group @ Mt. Olive
Wednesday: 3 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study (72nd and Van Dorn)
4:30-6 PM Catechism
Thursday: 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship @ Mt. Olive, preview of Sunday
Sunday: 8:00&10:30 AM Communion Worship
9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Study



News and Notes

TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: Thanks for being with us today! We invite you to join us for fellowship after the service in the South entryway of church. Please sign our guest register so we have a record of your visit with us and please come back for more good news!

THANK YOU... Jackie Kronebusch , for serving your Savior as our organist this morning. God used you in a wonderful way, today, to encourage our hearts and minds in Christ. May your heart be filled with peace & joy for the opportunity to assist us in praising & worshiping our good & gracious God.

Veterans Day Program at St. Mark Lutheran School - St. Mark Lutheran School is organizing a Veterans Day Program as a service project at the school. We are hoping to invite veterans that are in our congregation and sister congregations or are family members of our congregation and school families. The program would be at St. Mark on Monday, November 19th and run for about 45 minutes starting at 9:00am in the St. Mark sanctuary. A free breakfast meal will be served by our students in our church basement following the program. If you would like to join us, please contact our principal, Kyle Swogger, at kyle.swogger@stmarklincoln.org or 402-904-7340

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Candace Meyer, Lynne Costin

Heidi Brase, Shawna Fox

Ushering: J & W Costin, D Jung, J Landis

R Yeager, J Sadler, C Beiermann

Cleaning God’s House This Next week:

Downstairs- Hernandez, Upstairs- Fox, Narthex-Gettemy

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

Given for God’s Glory: \$6,295.25 Budget Offerings: \$5,285.25 (\$5733.61 needed to catch up and meet budget)

Non-Budget Offerings: \$1,010.00 Tone Chimes: \$440 NELHS: \$685

Year to Date Budget Offerings Pace: -\$10,531.57

In God’s House 10/25 & 10/28 7+57+69 Total: 133

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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 all 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.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

HYMN 282 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear, verse 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin and direct us to the path of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

BE SEATED

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (p. 178 in the black pew Bible)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119a (p. 109 in the front of the hymnal)

Gospel Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 (p.1123)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 499 “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

SERMON: Mark 12:28-34 (p. 1005)

THEME: Perfect Love Is the Perfect Answer

THE THANK-OFFERING IS GATHERED

PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

M: Lord of power and grace, whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry, hear the prayer of your people as we come now in thankfulness for the mercies that you pour down on us anew each day.

We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence. Make us mindful, O Lord, that you have provided us with life, breath, and being and are the source of our daily bread.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts, learning from him the great truths of the kingdom to which he bore faithful witness. Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may produce the fruits of righteousness. May he endow us with unwavering faith, that we may always be ready to do your will. We pray for the nations of the earth. Subdue terror and tyranny everywhere and call forth leaders who acknowledge that you are Lord over all the earth. Bless our own land. May it ever follow that which is good and turn from all that which is wicked, that our people may prosper in uprightness and integrity. Hear, O Lord, our cry for those who are afflicted. Grant them health in body and soul, and save them for your mercy's sake.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage in this world and bring us all to our heavenly home. Receive these petitions in the name of the Prince of life, Jesus our Lord. Amen

HYMN: CW 458: "May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

CLOSING HYMN: CW 486 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

MATCHING FUNDS OPPORTUNITY: An anonymous donor has offered to match up to \$1000 any offerings given for the Hand Chimes Choir Project. \$440 has been given to date leaving only \$560 left to reach our goal! Deadline for this matching offer is Thanksgiving of this year (November 21st). These funds will be used to purchase the supplies necessary for us to have a Hand Chimes Choir. To see what Hand Chimes are, check them out at: "Introduction to Hand Chimes and Tone Chimes" on YouTube. A signup sheet is located in the narthex if you'd like to be part of this choir. Talk to Judy Lauber if you have any questions.

YOUTHGROUP TO THE RESCUE: Our Mt Olive Youth Group has taken on itself the task of raising funds for Christmas for Kids which is scheduled for December 1st running from 9:15-Noon. They are planning to man a parking lot for the Husker game vs. Illinois on November 10th. All proceeds from the parking lot venture (\$20 per space) will go to our Christmas for Kids program. Thrivent members: If you still have available Thrivent Action Kit cards (\$250 per project) please consider donating to this project. Thank you Megan Ourada and all others who have stepped forward to help "save" Christmas for Kids!

PHASE 3 COMMITTEES BEING FORMED: We have two different committees that are coming out of the Phase 3 Planning Project that are presently being formed-to help us move forward in a productive way to carry out effective outreach in our community and beyond: 1. The Outreach Committee. This committee will evaluate our present outreach efforts, offer suggestions for greater efficiency as well as to consider future outreach endeavors by our congregation. This group has been tasked with the job of presenting the Voters with options for new digital signage for our church-to relay a message and to share information with passers-by. Our Voters have requested an initial report on this "New Sign Project" by our January meeting. 2. Building and Facilities Planning and Implementation Committee. This committee will look at the present facilities to evaluate their effectiveness in use of space etc. as we strive to advance the Gospel message in our midst and beyond. They will also look at future building/grounds needs (land sale etc.) They have been given the task to immediately look at storage needs (renovation of elevator shaft, new shed/Field house?) and to bring an initial report/recommendation to the Voters by the next meeting.

Please consider serving on one of these exciting and important committees!

GOD'S WORD FOR PENTECOST 24

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Romans 13:8-14 ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Mark 12:28-34 ²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." ³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.