



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)

January 27, 2019

Epiphany 3

Worship - Thursday: 7P.M. Sunday: 8 & 10:30 A.M. Family Bible Study Hour: Sun 9:15A.M.

Welcome to the new faces that are here with us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Today we see how fortunate we are to have heard the good news which God's own people foolishly rejected.

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. (It's 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 711 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal"

Liturgy: p. 26 "Service of Word and Sacrament"

Scripture Lessons:

First Lesson: Acts 4:23-31 (p. 1081 in the pew Bible)

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4: 14-21 (p. 1018)

Hymn of the Day: CW 353 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Sermon Text: Nehemiah 8:1-3;5-6;8-10 (p. 479 in the pew Bible)

Theme: Thank You, LORD, For Leading Me to Understand Your Truth!

I. Thank you for preserving your truth so it can be understood

II. Help me to understand more and more as I continue in your Word

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

Communion Liturgy p. 33

We of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod practice "close communion". If you have not communed with us before we ask that you would please speak with the Pastor before communing -we'd love to share with you what God's Word says about receiving the Sacrament-for your good and His glory. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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

Closing Hymn of Praise: CW 238 "Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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

Today: 8 & 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship

9:15 A.M. Sunday School

9:30 A.M. Growth in The Word

11:45 A.M. Chimers Practice

2:00 P.M. Youth Group Fellowship Gathering at Urban Air

MONDAY- 7:00 P.M. Monday Night Worship at St. Mark

TUESDAY 9-10 AM Women's Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY- 3:00 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study

4:30 P.M. Catechism

THURSDAY- 7:00 P.M. NO Thursday Night Worship (Pastor gone to conference in Utah)

FRIDAY: Calling all former NELHS basketball players and cheerleaders to NELHS for fun, see below

SATURDAY: 9:00-11:30 Truth in Love Ministry Seminar on Witnessing at St. Mark

8:00-Noon Organization Day at Mt. Olive (Please come to help us get better organized!)

SUNDAY 8&10:30 AM Worship

9:15 A.M. Sunday School:

9:30 AM Growth in The Word

News and Notes:

To Our "New Faces" in the Crowd today: Thanks for joining us for worship. We were blessed to have you with us this morning as we gathered in God's house to be encouraged by His message of love and forgiveness to otherwise lost sinners! Please sign our guest register and please come again!

THANK YOU: We thank our organist this morning, Linda Tesch, for helping us get the week started on "the right note"- by gathering in God's house to seek guidance and to sing HIS praises!

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.

As a reminder, you can still direct 2018 Choice Dollars®. Act now before the 2018 Choice Dollars* expire. Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. Simply visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and click the "Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars" link to begin. If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars you can contact our Member Connection Center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Beth Ferrell, Christine Smith

Emma Gettemy, Shawna Fox

Ushering: J & W Costin, T Smith

L & R Wasserman, C&J Hansen

Cleaning God's House this week: Downstairs- Gettemy Upstairs- Houfek Narthex- Mattox

*If you can't clean please call Kevin Ferrell @ 430-7823 and he will find you a sub...

All NELHS Alums: On February 1, we're turning back the clock and want to see YOU in your basketball and cheer prime!! We're inviting all cheerleaders to join our squad cheering on the Knights (Bonus points if you can still fit in your uniform!!) Either between varsity games or at halftime we'll showcase basketball skills with a pick up game. So bring your shoes, sense of humor and ability to embarrass the younger crowd!! See you then!

In God's House on 1/16&1/20: 6+67+60=133 Given for God's Glory: Budget Offerings: \$3,089.85

(\$4,557.69 needed weekly to meet budget) Non-Budget Offerings: \$3,655-furnace offerings Other: \$170.00

GOD'S WORD FOR OUR FOCUS ON EPIPHANY THREE

Nehemiah 8:1-3;5-6;8-12 ¹ all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate.

They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. ² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. ⁴ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁵ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁶ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. ⁷ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ⁸ Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ⁹ The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve." ¹⁰ Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

Acts 4:23-31 ²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.'" ²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Luke 4:14-21 ¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."