

MT. OLIVE
Lutheran Church



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WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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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

March 10, 2019

Lent 1

Worship: Wednesday 6:30P.M. Sunday 8&10:30 A.M.

Bible Study Hour: Sunday 9:30A.M.

Let Us Approach the

Throne of Grace

with confidence,

so that we may

receive mercy

and

find grace

to help us

in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

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Welcome to the new faces who are here with us this morning to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus! We are pleased and privileged to serve you with the Word of God today. Our prayer is that God would work through His Word spoken and sung, to help us grow in our faith in the One Who helps us to hear and to respond to His gracious good news. May the Lord bless you richly!!!

Greeting and Welcome: Pastor Kemnitz

Opening Anthem: CW 297 "Baptized in Water"

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his church the command to baptize when he said in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Christ's almighty word gives Baptism its power to save. Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

M: In bringing your daughter to be baptized, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”

The minister marks the sign of the cross on those present for baptism and says:

M: Evangeline Elizabeth Smith, receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Evangeline Elizabeth Smith, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

STAND

THE EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach His precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, whether parents, grandparents, or members of the family in Christ to assist in whatever manner possible so that these children may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength!

M: Let us pray:

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism. Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor upon Evangeline Elizabeth Smith. Through the water of Baptism all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil she may do, was drowned in her. Set her apart from the unbelieving world and hold her safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep her always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BE SEATED

The First Lesson: Joshua 7:16-26 (p. 213 in the black pew Bibles)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 91 (p. 100 in the front of the hymnal)

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16 (p. 1186)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 200 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

SERMON: Luke 4:1-13 How to Overcome the “Old Evil Foe”

STAND

NICENE CREED

(Public confession is faith’s response to God’s saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible’s teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(*The original text here reads “catholic,” a word meaning “universal.” The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.)*

BE SEATED

OFFERING *(Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.)*

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE SACRAMENT

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 properly. Those who receive it should examine themselves before receiving it. Those who receive it together should be of the same confession. etc. (cf. 1 Cor 11:28; 1 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.

PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshippers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus (Sung to the tune CW596 “Webb”)

(Sanctus means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.)

**1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and gave thanks [Matthew 26:26].)

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**C: 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

(As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

(The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.)

Distribution Hymn: CWS 726 "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken"

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis (Sung to the tune of 368 "Angel's Story")

(The Nunc Dimittis ["Now dismiss"] is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.)

**1 O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

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

Today: 8:00&10:30a.m. Communion Worship
9:30-10:15a.m. Bible study, Sunday School
9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)
7PM Men's Bible study @ Mt. Olive

MONDAY- 7P.M. Monday Night Church at St. Mark

TUESDAY 9-10 AM Women's Prayer Group
6:00 P.M. Council meeting

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

4:30 P.M. Catechism

6:30 P.M. Lenten Worship

THURSDAY- No Thursday Night Worship

FRIDAY-Noon-3 P.M. Open Door, office hours

SUNDAY-8:00&10:30a.m. Communion Worship

9:30-10:15a.m. Bible study, Sunday School

9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

6:30PM Women's Bible study & Fellowship, Sec. 4 & 5, The Mill Innovation Campus

News and Notes

TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for after the service in the narthex. Please sign our guest register so we have a record of your visit with us today and please join us again!

THANK YOU...Linda Tesch, 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 and joy for the opportunity to assist us in praising and worshipping our good and gracious God.

THE ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE for the coming 12 months will soon be drawn up. If you are not on the list currently but are willing to serve, please sign up in the narthex. Thanks to all who help in this capacity!

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: Ellen Donahoe, Dee Kemnitz

Heidi Brase, Emma Gettemy

Early ushering: Jarred & Isaiah Meyer, Scott Raasch, Kevin Ferrell

Late Ushering: Mikel Lauber, Rueben Krenke, Jerry Mattox, Craig Beiermann

Cleaning God's House This Next week: Downstairs-R.Wasserman, Upstairs-Uphoff, Narthex-Walters

In God's House 2/28 & 3/3: 9+69+72=150

Given for God's Glory:

Budget Offerings: \$11,381.86 (\$4,557.69 needed to meet budget) Non-Budget Offerings: \$580.00

LESSONS FOR LENT 1

Joshua 7:16-26 ¹⁶Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was chosen. ¹⁷The clans of Judah came forward, and the Zerahites were chosen. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was chosen. ¹⁸Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was chosen. ¹⁹Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." ²⁰Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: ²¹When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath." ²²So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. ²³They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD. ²⁴Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold bar, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. ²⁶Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

Hebrews 4:14-16 ¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Luke 4:1-13 ⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.