



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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March 17th, 2019 Lent 2
 Worship 6:30 P.M. [Wednesday] 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,

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.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ 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: Jeremiah 26:8-15 (p. 777 in the black pew Bible)

Psalms 42-43 (page 82 in the front of the hymnal)

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17—4:1 (p. 1163)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 434 “Lord, You I Love with All My Heart”

SERMON: Luke 13:31-35 (p. 1033) The Fox; The Hen; and The Chicks...

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 728: “Jerusalem the Golden”

CLOSING HYMN: CW 417 “I’m But a Stranger Here”

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, Linda Tesch, for taking time and making the wonderful effort in using your God-given energy and abilities in serving as our pianist this morning. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Women’ Bible Study and Fellowship will meet this evening at 6:30 @The Mill on Innovation Campus. They will be covering Sections 4 and 5.

THE ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE for the coming 12 months will be drawn up this week. 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!

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
9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)
4:00pm Easter Concert @ NELHS
6:00pm Winter Activities Banquet
6:30PM Women's Bible study and Fellowship
Monday: 7PM Worship at St. Mark
Tuesday: 9-10AM Women's Prayer Group @ Mt. Olive
6:00 PM Building/grounds committee
6:00PM Outreach committee
Wednesday: 3 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study (70th and Van Dorn)
4:30-6 PM Catechism
6:00PM Soup Supper, see sign-up in narthex
6:30PM Lenten Worship, Pastor Haefner serves
Thursday: No Evening Worship
11:30AM Bible study, Forever Young Christian Fellowship
Friday: Secretary Office Hours Noon-3PM
Saturday: Financial planning and giving seminar @NELHS 11AM
Sunday: 8:00&10:30 AM Worship
9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Study
9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)
6:30PM Men's Bible Study

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-Beckmann, Upstairs-Yeager, Narthex-Brase

In God's House 3/6 & 3/10: 93+75+55=223

Budget Offerings: \$5,260.65 (\$4,557.69 needed to meet budget)

Non-Budget Offerings: \$630.00

Year to Date Budget Pace: +\$4,225.38

GOD'S WORD FOR LENT 2

Jeremiah 26:8-15 ⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!" ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" ¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³ Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

Philippians 3:17-4:1 ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. ⁴ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Luke 13:31-35 ³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." ³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.'" ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'"