



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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WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

March 31, 2019

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship: Wednesday 6:30P.M. Sunday 8:00&10:30A.M. "Growth in the Word" 9:30A.M.

For Parents with Small Children: Toddler Bags are available for use-located on the west wall of church. The lower west kitchen (near the rest rooms) also contains a speaker system so that you may listen in on the service while attending to the needs of your little one. Please ask if there's anything else we can help you with.

Our Worship:

Opening Hymn of Praise- CW 379 "Amazing Grace"

Order of Worship: The Common Service p. 15

Scripture Lessons:

First Lesson: Judges 10:6-16 (p. 245 in the blue pew Bible)

Psalm of the Day: 32 (p. 78 in the front of the hymnal)

Epistle Lesson: James 4:7-10 (p. 1198)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 (p. 1035)

Hymn of the Day: CW 403 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Sermon Text: Psalm 51:17 (p. 562)

Theme: Bring to God Your Broken Heart

- I. By letting your heart be broken by His law
- II. Knowing that He would crush His Son to save you
- III. Trusting that He is in the heart healing business

Offering of our gifts for the sharing of the good news which has freely been shared with us!

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

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 properly. 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.

Distribution Hymn: CW 304 "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

Closing Hymn: CW 387 "Drawn to the Cross"

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

TODAY- 8:00&10:30 AM Communion Worship
9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Study
9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)
Chimers practice after second service
MONDAY-7P.M. Monday Night Church at St. Mark
TUESDAY-9-10AM Women's Prayer Group @ Mt. Olive
6:00 P.M. Outreach Committee meeting
6:30 Elders' meeting
7:30PM Board of Education meeting
WEDNESDAY-3 P.M. Windcrest Bible Study (70th and Van Dorn)
4:30-6 PM Catechism
6PM Soup Supper
6:30PM Lenten Worship, Pastor Beckmann serves
THURSDAY- NO Thursday Evening Worship
FRIDAY- Noon-3PM Secretary Office Hours
SATURDAY-9A.M.-12:15P.M. Easter for Kids
SUNDAY- 8 &10:30 A.M. Morning Worship at Mt. Olive w/KRT
9:30-10:15 AM Sunday School and Bible Study
9:20-10:15 Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

NEWS-N-NOTES

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for after the service in the back of church. Please sign our guest register so we have a record of your visit with us today and please join us again!

Thank You, Jackie Kronebusch, for taking time and making the wonderful effort of serving as our organist this morning. Well done, good and faithful servant!!!

Chime Choir will practice on March 31 and April 7 after the late service. We will be playing on Easter Sunday. Any musicians are welcome to join the ringers. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Spring is here at last which means that the grass will be growing soon. If you're willing to serve by mowing the lawn, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more information, please call Scott Raasch at (402)730-4738

Easter is less than a month away! Plans are being made for Easter for Kids and our annual Easter egg hunt after worship on Easter. If you could help by taking a bag of empty eggs to fill it would be greatly appreciated. The empty eggs and a box for filled eggs are in the narthex.

Easter for Kids is less than two weeks away! Below you will find a link to sign up to volunteer. The link to register children ages 3-4th grade for this fun event on Saturday, April 6th from 9-12:15 was in a congregational email this past week. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Schleusener at 402.202.8971 or schleusener1@gmail.com. Sign up sheets are also available in the narthex. Take a couple of neighbors and friends! Volunteer Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B49A8AB2CA6F58-easter>

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Jessi Walters & Beth Ferrell

Ellen Donohoe & Gloria Hernandez

Ushering: C&R Hernandez, Costin, Meyer

R. Wasserman, Jake Satterthwaite, Thompson, Brown

Cleaning God's House This week: Downstairs-Costin, Upstairs-Donahoe, Narthex-Foster

In God's House 3/20&24 72+73+91 Total: 236

Budget Offerings: \$3,546.75 (\$4,557.69 needed to meet budget)

Non-Budget Offerings: \$280.00 Youth Group Lent Meal: \$162.00



GOD'S WORD FOR LENT 4

Judges 10:6-16 ⁶ Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD. They served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites and the gods of the Philistines. And because the Israelites forsook the LORD and no longer served him, ⁷ he became angry with them. He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and the Ammonites, ⁸ who that year shattered and crushed them. For eighteen years they oppressed all the Israelites on the east side of the Jordan in Gilead, the land of the Amorites. ⁹ The Ammonites also crossed the Jordan to fight against Judah, Benjamin and Ephraim; Israel was in great distress. ¹⁰ Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, "We have sinned against you, forsaking our God and serving the Baals."¹¹ The LORD replied, "When the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Philistines, ¹² the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you and you cried to me for help, did I not save you from their hands? ¹³ But you have forsaken me and served other gods, so I will no longer save you. ¹⁴ Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen. Let them save you when you are in trouble!" ¹⁵ But the Israelites said to the LORD, "We have sinned. Do with us whatever you think best, but please rescue us now."¹⁶ Then they got rid of the foreign gods among them and served the LORD. And he could bear Israel's misery no longer.

James 4:7-10 ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."³ Then Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.²⁵ "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!³¹ "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Psalms 51:17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.