



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

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Pentecost 19

Worship: Thursday 7P.M. Sunday 8&10:30 A.M.

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

Philippians 1:12-18

*12 But I want you to know,
brethren, that the things
which happened to me
have actually turned out for
the furtherance of the
gospel,*

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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!!!

DIVINE SERVICE II

HYMN: CWS 769 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

STAND

INVOCATION

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

(The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" [The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?]. See John 20:21-23.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Mark 10:47*

Kyrie

(Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD (to the tune of 582)

**All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

O Lamb of God, to you we pray.

You take all human sin away.

Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;

From God's right hand, your mercy share.

You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone;

The Father's glory you made known.

We by your Spirit sing again:

"All glory be to God!" Amen.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:16, 24-29 (p. 141 in the black pew Bible)

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 9.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:38-50 (p. 1001)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 469 "Take My Live and Let It Be"

(The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.)

SERMON: Philippians 1:12-18a (p.1161)

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: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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. 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.

PREFACE

(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' 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 Hymns: CWS 748 “Lamb of God”

and CW 310 “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

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.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service
Altar Care: Ellen Donahoe, Dee Kemnitz Tiffany Beiermann, Heidi Brase
Ushering: Tom Richie, B&J Uphoff, Jarred Donahoe * Jeff Sadler, Craig Beiermann
Cleaning God’s House Next week:
Downstairs-Uphoff, Upstairs-Walters, Narthex-R Wasserman
Mowing: Justin, Billy, Eddie Walters
In God’s House 9/20 & 9/23: +==
Given for God’s Glory:

We’ve been enjoying donuts and other lovely treats the first Sundays of the month between services. If you would like to help provide some of these snacks, please contact Karen Helberg @ helbergkaren@yahoo.com and she will be glad to include you on the list. If you have a preferred month or months that can be arranged!

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 and Sunday School
Monday: 6 PM Women's Prayer Group @ Mt. Olive
6:30PM Board of Education
7 PM Worship at St. Mark, post view of Sunday
Wednesday: 3 PM Windcrest Bible Study
4:30-6 PM Catechism
Thursday: 7:00 PM Evening Worship
Sunday: 8:00&10:30a.m. Worship
9:30-10:15a.m. "Growth in the Word" for all ages

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!

THE CHURCH IS IN SEARCH of any and all church records that are not currently being stored at the church. This includes meeting agendas, meeting minutes, copies of the constitution, etc. The last 15 years are of the most interest. Please contact Thomas Smith by email at tsmith@mtolivewels.org, by phone at (507) 327-4065, or by church mailbox with any information that you might have. Thanks!

FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL is looking for old worn out, or not used, shoes and boots. If you have some, please put them in the container in the church entry. You will be amazed at their use next Carnival. Thanks!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP is meeting next Sunday, October 7 at Scooters in the Haymarket, 151 N 8th St. beginning at 6:30 PM. For more information contact Stacy Schleusener @ 402-202-8971.

NEW PRAYER GROUP FOR WOMEN: Marci Albert is leading a women's prayer group on Monday nights from 6-7PM. Prayer partners will meet at church and will lay out before the LORD prayers for our families and our schools. All women are invited. For more information, contact Marci at 402-670-8772 or malbert@neb.rr.com

LWMS Fall Rally will be held this Saturday, October 6. Registration begins at 9AM. If interested, please sign up on the list in the narthex so the ladies at St. Mark know how many meals they'll need to provide.

THE NELHS Fall Festival and silent auction are rapidly approaching! If you have items to donate for the auction this would be a great time to start delivering them to the school, so they can start planning and organizing. This year the proceeds will go towards roof repairs and debt reduction. The festivities will take place October 14th. The Fall Festival will include an international food tasting lunch (suggested donation of \$8.00) from 12:30-3:30, a Kiddie Carnival and the Silent Auction from 1:30-3:30PM. The concert is at 4PM with supper following. Contact tfickel@nelhs.org for more information.

LESSONS FOR PENTECOST 19

Numbers 11:16;24-29 ¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. ²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Philippians 1:12-18a¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Mark 9:38-50 ³⁸"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." ³⁹"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. ⁴²"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched."⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.⁵⁰ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

