
✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023, 9:00AM

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE!

Guests! We are happy to have you join us today and pray God's blessings on your time in His presence. Please fill out one of our guest cards in the pew and let us know if you are interested in membership. Pastor Torkelson will be happy to contact you. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments, praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians, and sharing God's love wherever we go.

AS WE GATHER

Jesus was not always the way we picture Him. In our Gospel text today, we see Him being "punchy" with the chief priests and elders. They asked Him about where His authority came from. He tested them with a question they refused to answer. So Jesus refused to answer them. Today we rejoice that Jesus' authority, given Him by the Father, is in the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper.

Guests: As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we confess the Biblical teaching that the Lord's Supper is Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." All who intend to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to take time before the service to read the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" in the pew hymnal on Pp. 329-330 as a way of preparing to receive the Supper (1 Cor.:11-27-29).

If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Torkelson before communing. He is happy to talk with you.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request from the serving elder. White grape juice is available in the center cups.

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

LSB 812



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6



P The LORD lifts up the | humble;* he casts the wicked | to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

C The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;* he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

He heals the broken- | hearted* and binds | up their wounds.

P He determines the number | of the stars;* he gives to all of | them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*

his understanding is beyond | measure.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

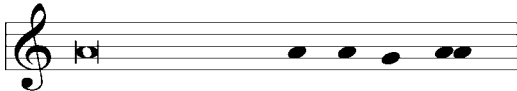
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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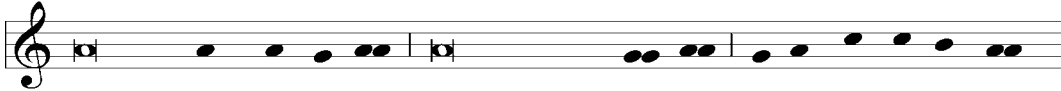
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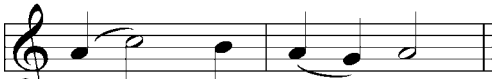
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



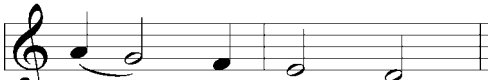
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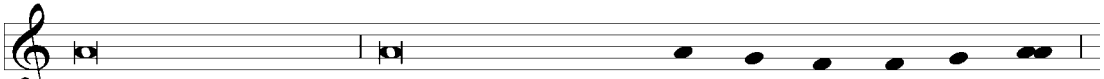
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



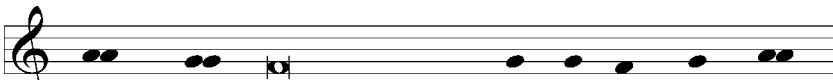
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more

be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–27

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

SERMON

"Who Does He Think He Is?"

Matthew 21

Pastor Daniel Torkelson

NICENE CREED

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each prayer:

P. Lord in Your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected by the ushers with the offering plates being passed down the rows. The offering will then be brought forward to the altar.

We also accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

OFFERTORY



☐ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will




call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠


PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.




C And al-so with you.




P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

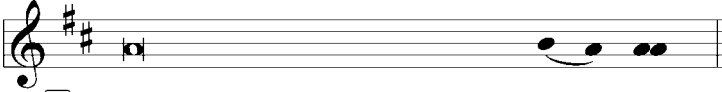
G **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN LORD

Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Praise Be To Christ

LSB 538



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
 2 Praise be to Him whose sov - reign sway And will up - holds cre -
 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
 a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
 God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
 world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
 man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
 Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
 Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
 from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
 sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

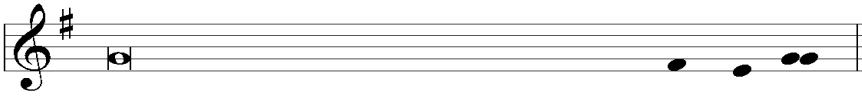
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - - - men.

HYMN TO DEPART

Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise

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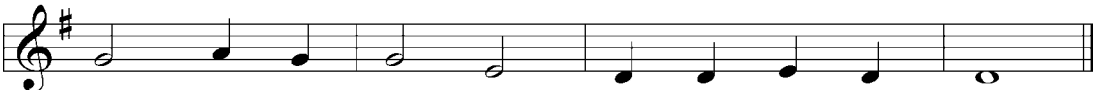
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

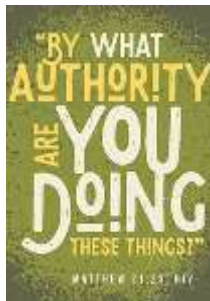
Preacher	Rev. Daniel Torkelson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Trevor Magness, <i>Organist</i>
Elder	Carl Koehler
Lector	Carl Koehler
Usher Team	Chuck Jaskowiak
Greeters	Dave & Janalee Murphy
Audio/Visual	James Fenske
Sound Tech	Barb Koehler
Altar Guild	Lana Esch

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BIBLE STUDY TODAY

"WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO"

Adult Bible Study is resuming today.
The topic will be Biblical worship and is titled
"Why We Do What We Do."

In the study, we will learn the Biblical theology of worship
and the Biblical roots of the services we use. In addition,
we will discuss prayer, the devotional life, and the
Church's ever-growing treasury of music that
sings "the new song."

Join us during the Educational Hour at 10:30 am
in the Fireplace Room.

We hope to see you there!

Calling All Singers: If you would like to raise your voice in song with the choir at Mount Olive, come join us on **Tuesday** evenings at **6:00 pm**. We will rehearse each week for one hour, and we will sing for church 1-2 times each month. Any questions? Please call or text Jennifer Torkelson at 262-443-7522 or email latintchr@wi.rr.com. Hope to see you at choir!



Calling All Ringers: Anyone who is interested in ringing with the bell choir at Mount Olive can join us on **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00 pm**. Rehearsals will run for one hour, and we will play for church 1-2 times a month. No previous ringing experience is necessary to play handbells. We can teach you how to ring! Any questions? Please call or text Jennifer Torkelson at 262-443-7522 or email latintchr@wi.rr.com. Hope to see you with bells on!

Butter Braids are Back!

The preschool is again selling Butter Braids. These are great pastries which are great for breakfast, desserts, appetizers and any special occasion. There are 9 different varieties to choose from and are \$16 per item. An order form is located on the desk in the Narthex. Orders must be placed by October 20th and delivery of the pastries will be on October 31st.



Sponsored by LYF/ACTS Youth Group

Painted Pumpkin Contest



Decorate a pumpkin and enter the contest! Anyone can do it! Get creative with your pumpkin decoration (just keep it church appropriate and no carved pumpkins)! The best pumpkin voting will be done by cash and food donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank!

Pumpkins will be displayed at the church on October 23 and 30!

Questions? Contact Amy Barrington at 217-622-4985 or amy.barrington97@gmail.com