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† **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** †

**6:30PM, Thursday, September 3, 2020**

**8:00AM, Sunday, September 6, 2020**

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**WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We are honored to have you in worship with us today and pray God's blessings on your worship. If this is your first visit to Mount Olive, we hope your worship with us is a blessing and you find friendship and peace in this place. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that Mount Olive is taking all necessary precautions sanitizing our worship space, assuring social distancing, and safely preparing the sacrament. We hope to see you again and are happy to help in any way if you do not currently have a church home or are looking for one. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. We thank you for silencing your cell phones as you enter the sanctuary today.



**AS WE GATHER**

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus’ disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything. This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

You are invited to commune with us by joining in confessing our faith in Christ and His real presence in the Sacrament. We affirm the presence in the Sacrament of Christ's true body and blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins.” During this time of precautions, we will utilize a communion practice called “continuous communion” in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

**PRELUDE**

“Lob sei Gott” ... J.S. Bach

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Father Welcomes” *LSB 605*

*Refrain*

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil-dren To His fam - 'ly

through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,

Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*

Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**  
P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**  
P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
C **and Your faithfulness by night.**  
P The Most High God gathers us to praise His name and declare His love together!

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Lord God, You promise grace and every blessing to all who come before You and repent of their sins. Hear us now as we, Your humble children, bring our prayers before You. . . Most merciful Father,  
C **we come before You and admit our sinfulness. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have failed to do what Your Word demands. We have not honored You fully with our lives, nor have we loved one another as You have first loved us. In the name of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Because our Savior humbled Himself for our sake upon the cross, enable us in true humility to receive the remission You promise to Your repentant children. Amen.**  
P “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” God the Father has taken your sins and laid them upon our humble Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Christ’s sacrifice, God does not count your sins against you. He has taken them away! He remembers them no more! He preserves and delivers you as His child forever! As a called and ordained 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 **Amen**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT

*Psalm 92:1-4 ; antiphon: v. 5*

- P How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!  
C **It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**  
P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,  
C **to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**  
P For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.  
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
P How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“The Law of God is Good and Wise” *LSB 537 (Next Page)*



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 late And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
 light And should be done as good and right.  
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
 Its holiness condemns us all;  
 It dooms us for our sin to die  
 And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
 Who from the curse has set us free,  
 And humbly worship at His throne,  
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

**SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You.

C **Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation.**

P We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 13:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 18:1-20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not

leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

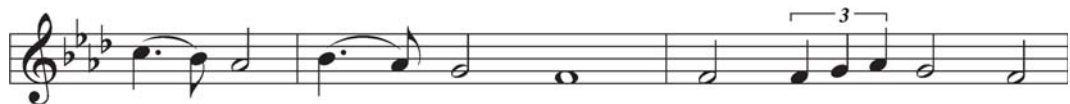
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Thy Strong Word” *LSB 578 (vs 1-6)*



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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## SERMON *Family Chores*

### APOSTLES CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Father, we depend on You as we share the Good News.**

P For the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility and faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You as we serve You with our lives.**

P For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You as we live as Your children.**

P For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, especially . . . that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You for Your healing touch.**

P For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds, that our gracious God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Father, we depend on You for everything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## OFFERING

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and lead us by Your Holy Spirit. Give us humility and faith to receive the remission of our sins freely offered to us in His body and blood. With dependence upon You and gratitude in our hearts, we praise You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### 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.

### PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Your Table I Approach” *LSB 628 (Next Page)*



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God the Father, we thank You for the forgiveness and renewal of life You have given us in the precious body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Because we depend on You for everything, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be sent forth to declare the wonders of our Savior to the world He died to save; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.

### BENEDICTION

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**  
P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
C **and Your faithfulness by night.**

P The Most High God now sends us out to praise His name and declare His love wherever we go! 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 Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” *LSB 920*



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
 This world of time to con - se - crate,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
 That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 This world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be  
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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**POSTLUDE**

“Praebulum 11 et 12 Toni.”... Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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