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† **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** †

**8:00AM, Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE, LSB pg. 184**

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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**

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

**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.

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**PRELUDE** “Prelude in A minor, BWV 559”..... J.S. Bach

# WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” *LSB 782*



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *LSB pg. 184*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB pg. 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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 116:12-13, 15-16 ; antiphon: v. 17*



P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\* and call on the name | of the LORD.

C **What shall I render | to the LORD\* for all his bene- | fits to me?**

P I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\* and call on the name | of the LORD.

C **Precious in the sight | of the LORD\* is the death | of his saints.**

P O LORD, I am your | servant;\* I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

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.**

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\* and call on the name | of the LORD



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



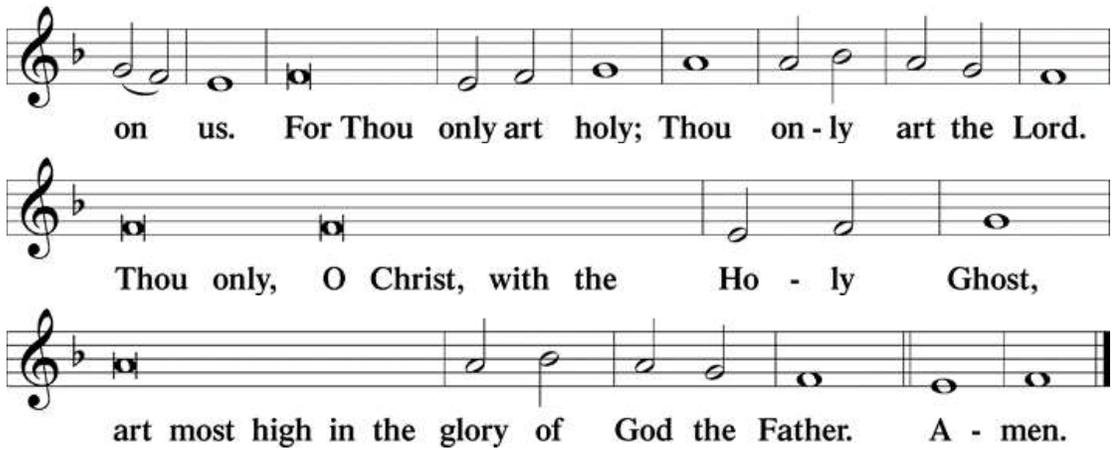
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**KYRIE** *LSB pg. 186 (Next page)*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB pg. 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY** *LSB pg. 189*



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.  
**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

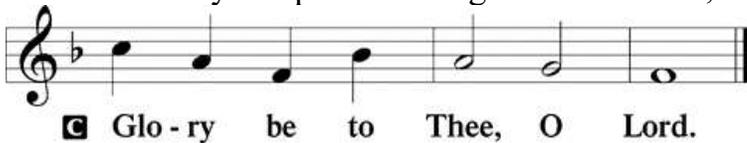
**ALLELUIA** *LSB pg. 190*



## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the

laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’<sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.<sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.<sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,<sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” (vs 1,4,6) *LSB 580*



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther’s grace, Who sent His  
4 It is the pow’r of God to save From sin and  
6 May we in faith its mes - sage learn Nor thank - less -



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus  
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which  
ly its bless - ings spurn; May we in faith its



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.  
truth con - fess And praise the Lord, our righ - teous - ness.

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### SERMON *The Power of the Word*

### APOSTLES’ CREED *LSB pg. 192*

**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**





**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS *LSB pg. 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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.

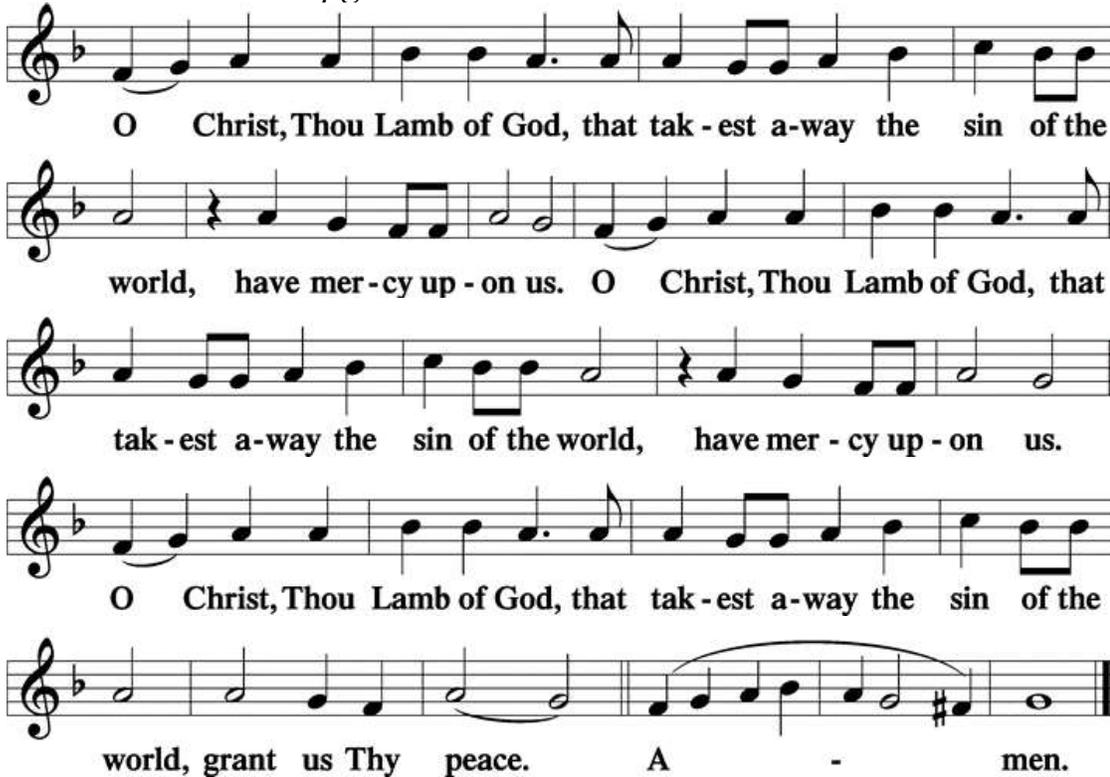
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI *LSB pg. 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

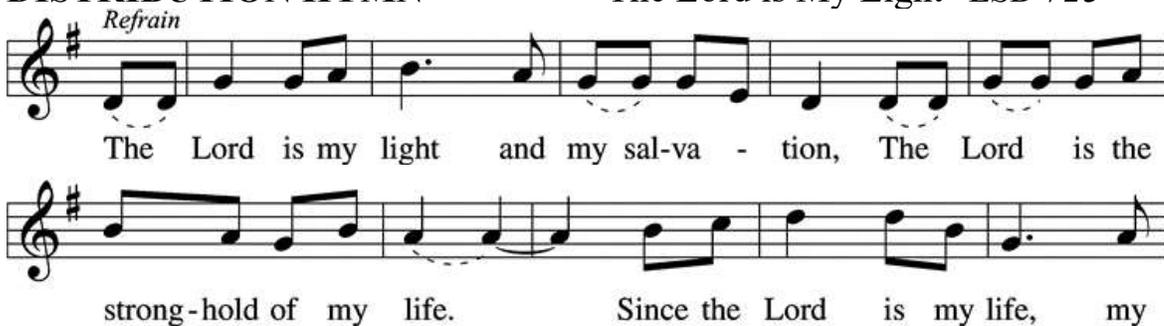
### AGNUS DEI *LSB pg. 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“The Lord is My Light” *LSB 723*



*Refrain*  
The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, The Lord is the strong - hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my

To Stanzas



strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?

Stanza



1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His



house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the

Refrain



Lord All the days of my life.



2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will



seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -

Refrain



sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me.



3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -



long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the

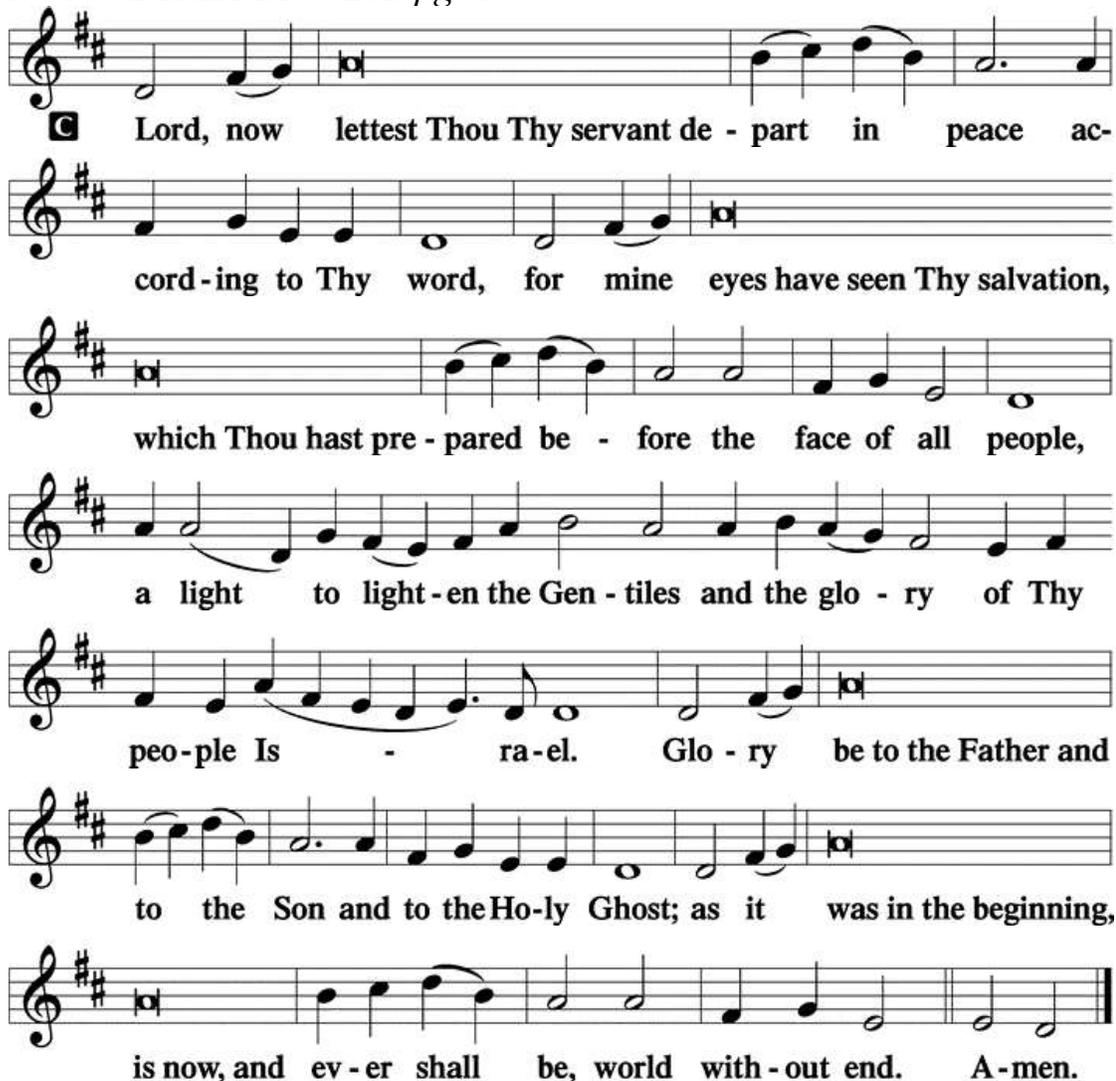
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Lord In the land of all the liv - ing.

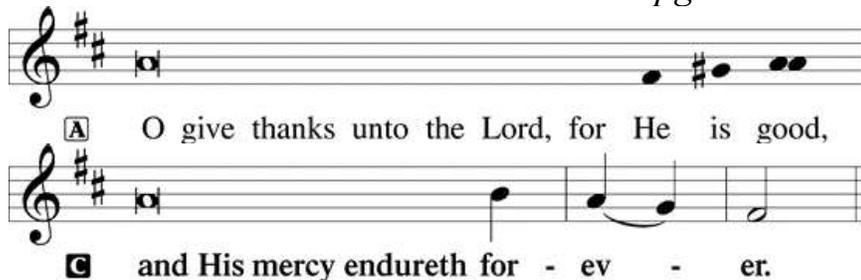
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**NUNC DIMITTIS** *LSB pg. 199*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *LSB pg. 200*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**BENEDICAMUS** *LSB pg. 202*



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION** *LSB pg. 202*



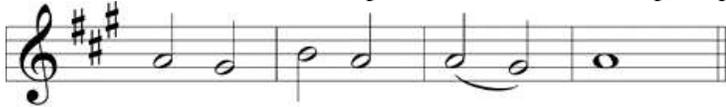
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Alleluia Sing to Jesus” (vs 1-4) *LSB 821 (Next page)*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both



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ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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**POSTLUDE** "Fugue in G minor"..... Beauvarlet-Charpentier

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Liturgist	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Curt Casanova
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Altar Guild (September)	Janelle Tonsager

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## Weekly Calendar September 21- 26

### Monday (9/21)

9:00am Quilters  
6:00pm Executive Team Meeting  
7:00pm PPC Meeting

### Tuesday (9/22)

5:00pm Olive Branch Rehearsal  
6:30pm Females in Faith (Zoom)

### Wednesday (9/23)

10am Today's Light Bible Study  
6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

### Saturday (9/26)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

### Sunday (9/27)

8am Divine Worship\* †  
9am Fellowship Hour  
9:30am Education Hour  
10:30am Divine Worship\* †

† Communion offered

\* Available on Facebook Live also

### Prayer Requests

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## This Week's Prayers

**We Pray for . . .** Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Ruth Duxbury, Elizabeth Mayer's husband, Sharon Folkestad, the family of Jean Frank

## This Week's News

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun, September 13 – 54/39

**Small Group Study:** Pastor Mark will be leading a small group study for parents of all ages beginning on Wednesday, October 7th. We will meet in the Fireside Room during LOGOS. This year we will be following a study from Lutheran Hour Ministries – "Households of Faith."

**Preschool:** Good news! Mount Olive will be reopening September 9<sup>th</sup>, with DCF and Madison County Health Department guidelines in place for the health and safety of all preschool children and their families. We thank God that we have some of our enrolled families comfortable in sending their children. However, we do have room for more kids! If you know of any family desiring education for their child ages 3-5, please have them call Laurel at 238-5656 or email her at [lzobel@molc.us](mailto:lzobel@molc.us). Please continue to pray for our Lord's guidance as we trust Him in our plans to move forward.

**Bible Reading Challenge:** Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: **September 21:** 1 Chronicles 8-10, Psalm 102 **September 22:** Psalm 103-104, 2 Samuel 5:1-10 **September 23:** 1 Chronicles 11-12, Psalm 133 **September 24:** Psalm 106-107, 2 Samuel 5:11-25 **September 25:** 2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 13-14 **September 26:** 1 Chronicles 15-16, Psalm 1-2 **September 27:** Psalm 15, 22-23. A list of the September readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

**Altar Flowers:** Celebrating a special occasion? You can sponsor altar flowers to commemorate the special event! If you are unable to attend church, please contact the church office to arrange to have the flowers delivered to your home after the service.

**New Bible Study begins today!:** Join us during education hour as we study the life of Martin Luther. Part 1 of "A Man Named Martin" starts today in the Fireplace Room!  
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**Sunday Bulletins/Recordings:** If you or someone you know is “shut in” and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

**Holy Communion:** If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up to do so. **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm.** Just contact the office at [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us) or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

**COVID-19 Assistance:** If you are considered “at risk” and would like assistance getting groceries or with other errands, please contact the office. Our food pantry is also available to you during office hours.

**Fall Choir/Music Rehearsal Schedule and Concert Series:** Calling all musicians! if you feel inclined to share your musical gift, please reach out to Ray. Bells will rehearse Wednesdays 6-7 PM and Brass Ensemble will rehearse Wednesdays 7-8 PM. Please see the brochure for more information and concert dates for the inaugural concert series!

**Compassion International:** YOU can save a child from the grips of poverty for \$38/mo. Any questions, please see Kristie Kasbohm at the Compassion International table during fellowship hour, and prayerfully consider sponsoring a child.

**Christian Education Materials:** Board of Christian Outreach is currently gathering donations for [lovepackages.org](http://lovepackages.org). If you have any material, Bibles, books, cds, etc. that you are no longer using, please feel free to drop them off at Church before September 27! There is more info on acceptable items at the Welcome center.

**Calvary Lunches:** With Covid 19, we can no longer prepare and serve lunches at Calvary. In view of Mount Olive’s special relationship with Calvary, we want to continue this ministry by supporting them financially, as well as prayerfully, so that they can continue sharing a meal and fellowship after their Sunday services. Mount Olive will be taking up an offering each month to help with costs associated with the lunches.

**Fun, Fire, and Fellowship:** The Fellowship Board is asking you to put Saturday October 17 on your calendar for our annual Fun, Fire and Fellowship event outside in the parking lot. We’ll have a fire pit w/grill available where families can cookout or roast s’mores. There’ll be hot chocolate to sip and games to play. We look forward to seeing you there to ‘reignite’ our fellowship!

## **Stewardship Corner**

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“(Jesus said), ‘Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.’ ” (Matthew 6:25)

Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father: He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

### **Just a Note**

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**Card Shop:** New choices have arrived and are featured on the shelves and cart next to our regular card display. The new cards are for birthday, anniversary, get well and sympathy. Feel free to continue to “self-serve” and visit the Card Shop, located in the Library. All profits support LWML missions.

**Altar Flowers:** If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at [altarflowers@molc.us](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us) or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online [molc.us/connect](http://molc.us/connect). Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

### **Our Staff**

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Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*  
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Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*  
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