



† THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

6:30PM, Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:00AM, Sunday, July 12, 2020

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

Plants in God’s good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if “the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.” It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, “Abba! Father!” Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.

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 “Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her” ...J.C. Bach

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “On What Has Now Been Sown” LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Is 55:11–12; Ps 32:5; 124:8; Mat 13:23; Rm 8:16*

P 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.**  
P In the today's Epistle, Paul reminds us that "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, "My word . . . shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish . . . and shall succeed."  
C **But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.**

P Then God tells us, "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."  
C **But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.**

P In the Gospel, our Lord explains that "the one who hears the word and understands it . . . bears fruit." By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.  
C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### KYRIE

P O Lord,  
C **have mercy on us.**  
P O Christ,  
C **have mercy on us.**  
P O Lord,  
C **have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *LSB 686*



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 *Isaiah 55:10-13*

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE *Romans 8:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

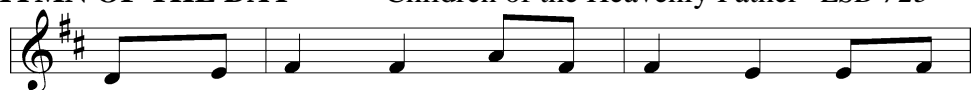
<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about Him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father” *LSB 725*



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## SERMON *The Spirit is Alive and Well - In Us!*

### CATECHISM *Explanation of the Third Article*

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P We use today's psalm as we pray for the Church around the world and all people in their various circumstance. David writes, "O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come." Let us pray for those near and dear to us, *especially* . . . , who call to God in their distress.
- C **Heavenly Father, visit, relieve, restore, and console them in Your mercy, and use us to help meet their needs.**
- P David writes, "When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions." Let us pray for all who are wrongly accused or imprisoned by corrupt court systems.
- C **Lord of the nations, give them justice, clear their names, and free them; move governments to make reforms where they are needed.**
- P And let us pray for those who have acted rashly, destroyed relationships, or run afoul of civil laws.
- C **Lord Jesus, provide them opportunities and faithful counselors that they hear of Your mercy, repent, and repair their broken lives.**
- P David writes, "We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple." Let us pray for the Church here and around the world.
- C **O Holy Spirit, bless, protect, and guide Your people as they proclaim the Gospel, and invite one and all to the joys of Your mercy, forgiveness, and love.**
- P David writes, "By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness." Let us pray for all who make, administer, and adjudicate their nation's laws and seek peace across borders, and for all who serve their communities and nations by putting themselves in harm's way.
- C **Lord Jesus, raise up good and righteous people in positions of power, and give protection and courage to those having to make sudden decisions.**
- P David writes, "You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it." Let us pray for all who tend the soil, transport crops, and distribute food where it is needed.
- C **Gracious God, send rain and sun to farms, protection to pilots and drivers, and guidance for those who manage markets; through their efforts grant that all the hungry be fed.**
- P David writes, "You crown the year with Your bounty." Let us pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who lack adequate clothing or shelter, and all burdened with financial debt.
- C **O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity so that they may provide for themselves and their families, rejoicing in all Your good gifts.**
- P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

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

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

- 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, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
- We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.
- C **Amen.**



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Director of Family Life</i>
Music	Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Steve Nelson (TH), Brant Kasbohm (SUN)
Usher Team	Team 1 (TH), Matt Dierks (SUN)
Altar Guild (July)	Julie Nelson

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## Weekly Calendar

July 13-19

**Tuesday (7/14)**

6:30pm Females In Faith (Zoom)

**Wednesday (7/15)**

10am Today's Light Bible Study

**Thursday (7/16)**

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

6:30pm Summer Worship †

**Saturday (7/18)**

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

**Sunday (7/19)**

8am Divine Worship\* †

9:30 Bible Study^

10:30am Divine Worship\* †

† Communion offered

\* Available on Facebook Live also

^ Available on Zoom also

## Prayer Requests

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Laurel Zobel [lzobel@molc.us](mailto:lzobel@molc.us)  
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## This Week's Prayers

**We Pray for . . .** Karl Fels, Karen Weigt, Jackie Rosco.

**We Pray in Thanksgiving for** the marriage of Lauren Zobel and Nathan Doell!

## This Week's News

**Weekly Attendance:** Thur, July 2 – 13 Sun, July 5 – 22/21

**Thank You and Blessings!** *I wanted to take the opportunity to say my formal goodbye to my friends at Mount Olive. Over the past 6 years, I have thoroughly cherished serving you all, and our Risen Savior. As I move into this next season of life, I would appreciate your prayers as I will keep Mount Olive in my prayers. Thank you all for your kind words of farewell, and for putting your trust in me as your parish administrator. Blessings and Peace from your Office Manager and friend! -Derek Handley*

**Mount Olive is Hiring!** If you or anyone you know would like to serve as our next office administrator, let us know! Job description available upon request. Interested candidates should inquire to Pastor Jason ([jzobel@molc.us](mailto:jzobel@molc.us)) or Curt Casanova ([curtcasanova@gmail.com](mailto:curtcasanova@gmail.com)).

**Book Club CANCELLED:** Book Club, originally scheduled for this Monday at 9:30am, is cancelled. The Mount Olive Book Club will suspend meeting in-person until further notice.

**MOLS Golf Outing:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mount Olive Lutheran School Golf Outing is on **Sat, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>** with a **1pm** Shotgun Start at The Meadows of Six Mile Creek in Waunakee. Cost is \$100/person or \$400/foursome which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, box lunch, sleeve of golf balls, prizes, and fellowship. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center or [molc.us](http://molc.us) and **must be in by Sun, July 26**. All necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the health of all participants. Contact the office if you have questions. Not a golfer? Well, you can support in these other ways: 1) volunteer the day of the event, 2) sponsor a hole for \$100/hole, 3) share a monetary donation to "Mount Olive Lutheran School."

**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: July 13 (Lev 7-9), July 14 (Lev 10-12), July 15 (Lev 13-16), July 16 (Lev 17-19), July 17 (Lev 20-22), July 18 (Lev 23-25), July 19 (Lev 26-27, Num 1).

**App Under Construction:** Our app is currently being updated. There's some outdated info and glitches, but you can still do things like: listen to sermons, devotions, and access the Bible. Stay tuned for our new and improved app!

**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.

**Portals of Prayer:** As a new quarter of the year approaches, we receive a new shipment of the Portals of Prayer devotions. For those of you that are staying at home - if you would like a copy of Portals of Prayer, email or call us and let us know if we can send you one! Large print is available.

**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 Derek will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

**Food Pantry Help:** Would you consider helping us restock our food pantry for those that are in need of help during the pandemic? Current needs: diapers size 4-6, canned meat, flour, sugar, cooking oil, laundry detergent, toiletries. Thank you for your help!

**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.

## Stewardship Corner

"So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." (Romans 8:12)

We owe the flesh, the world, and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

## Just a Note

**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 would like to donate flowers, please: 1) Send email to [altarflowers@molc.us](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us) or call (608) 354-7244, and 2) Pay by check (\$35) -OR- pay online at [molc.us/connect](http://molc.us/connect).

## WEEKLY ONLINE MINISTRY

### MONDAY

Midday Meditations

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### TUE & THUR

Walking In The Light

Bi-weekly podcast available at [molc.us/devotions](http://molc.us/devotions), lead by Pastor Mark



### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Reflections

Video reflections from Pastor Jason on Mount Olive Facebook page



### SUNDAY

Worship

8:00am & 10:30am  
Worship on Facebook



## Our Staff

Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Mark Baldwin, *Dir Family Life*  
Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*  
Laurel Zobel, *Preschool Director*  
Derek Handley, *Office Manager*