



† **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** †
10:30AM, 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.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG "Receive the Power"

Verse 1

Every nation, every tribe,
Come together to worship You.
In Your presence we delight,
We will follow to the ends of the earth.

Chorus

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Receive the Power, from the Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Receive the Power to be a light unto the world!

Verse 2

As Your Spirit calls to rise
We will answer and do Your Will.
We'll forever testify
Of Your mercy and unfailing love. (Chorus)

Bridge

Lamb of God, we worship You,
Holy One, we worship You,
Bread of Life, we worship You,
Emmanuel, we worship You.
Lamb of God, we worship You,
Holy One, we worship You,
Bread of Life, we worship You,
Emmanuel, we will sing forever. (Chorus)

Guy Sebastian & Robert Galea

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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!**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE "Bread That Was Sown"

Chorus

Bread that was sown in our hills and valleys
now harvested becomes one;
from all the world gather your people, O God,
into the feast of your love.

Verse 1

With grateful hearts, we sing our joy for knowing
Spirit within, among us all;
life and knowledge, revealed through your word:
Jesus, the Christ Emmanuel. (Chorus)

Verse 2

Leaven and wheat: so let us be for others,
nurturing good with earnest care,
bringing to birth new life where hope has gone stale,
faith-giving moments to share. (Chorus)

Verse 3

Planted, your name becomes our thirst for more being
hope to be bread for others' lives,
vision of what it means to give all that we are:
this is the seed you have sown. (Chorus)

Tune and text: Gregory Norbet

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*

¹⁰“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, ¹¹so 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. ¹²“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. ¹³Instead 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

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about Him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell

among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³As 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.**

SONG OF THE DAY “Overcome”

Verse 1

Seated above enthroned in the Father's love
Destined to die poured out for all mankind

Verse 2

God's only Son perfect and spotless One
He never sinned but suffered as if He did

Pre-Chorus

All authority
Every victory is Yours
All authority
Every victory is Yours

Chorus

Savior worthy of honor and glory
Worthy of all our praise
For You overcame
Jesus awesome in power forever
Awesome and great is Your Name
For You overcame

Verse 3

Power in hand speaking the Father's plan
You're sending us out light in this broken land (Chorus)

Bridge

We will overcome
By the blood of the Lamb
And the word of our testimony
Everyone overcome (Chorus 2x)

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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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.**

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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

C **and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

P 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 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 SONG

“Mighty To Save”

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender (Chorus)

Bridge (2x)

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King (Chorus 2x) (Bridge)

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Preacher	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Director of Family Life</i>
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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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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) or Curt Casanova (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 1st Annual Mount Olive Lutheran School Golf Outing is on **Sat, Aug 1st** 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 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 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 or call (608) 354-7244, and 2) Pay by check (\$35) -OR- pay online at molc.us/connect.

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WEEKLY ONLINE MINISTRY

MONDAY

Midday Meditations

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TUE & THUR

Walking In The Light

Bi-weekly podcast available at 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

