H H SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST H SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, 9:00AM

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE!

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

AS WE GATHER

The forgiveness of sins is God's chief gift. With it, we get salvation and eternal life. Forgiveness is so important it can be said to save lives (Gen. 50). As Christians who have been forgiven, we should also wish to forgive as often as needed and as much as possible, just like our Lord forgives us in the Lord's Supper again today. *Guests:* As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we confess the Biblical teaching that the Lord's Supper is Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." All who intend to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to take time before the service to read the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" in the pew hymnal on Pp. 329-330 as a way of preparing to receive the Supper (1 Cor.:11-27-29).

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

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

PRELUDE



- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

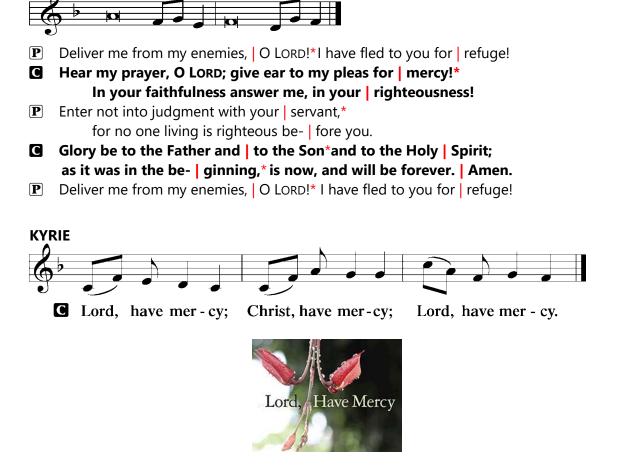
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

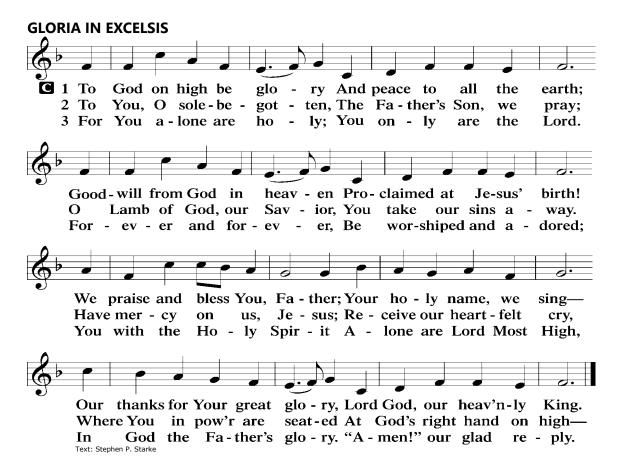
C Amen.

INTROIT

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say

Genesis 50:15-21

to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

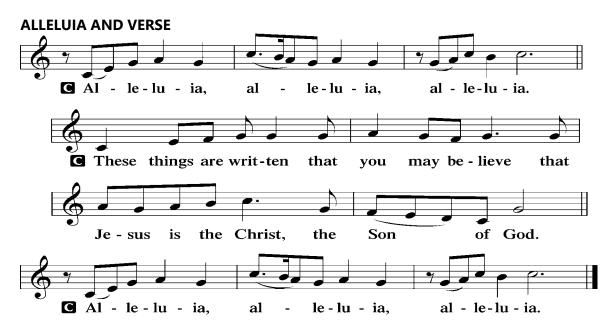
⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

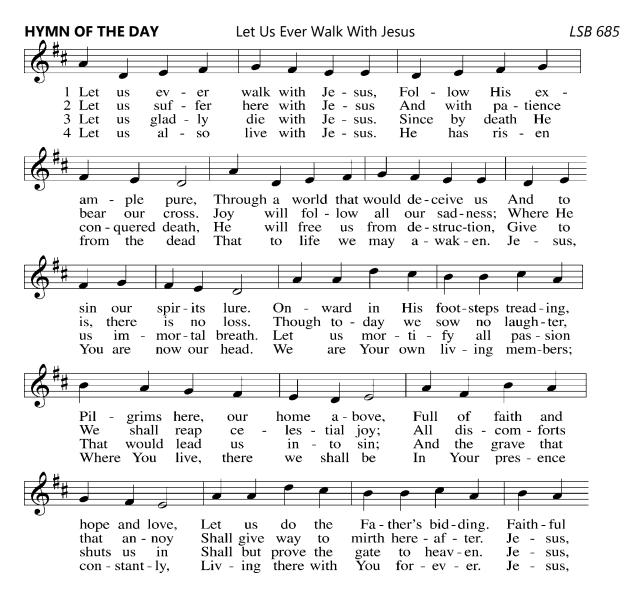
- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

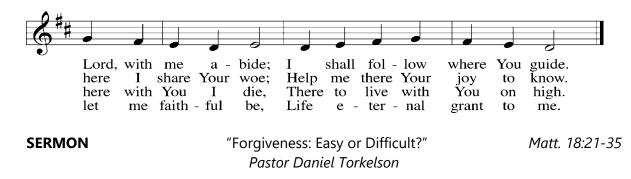
²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master

because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.





APOSTLES' CREED

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

After each prayer: P. Lord in Your mercy, **C. hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

The offering will be collected by the ushers with the offering plates being passed down the rows. The offering will then be brought forward to the altar. *We also accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

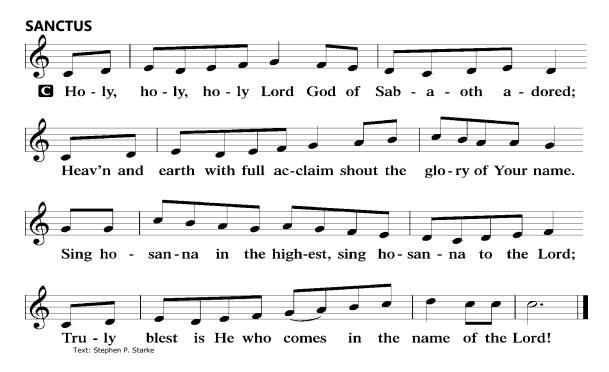
PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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



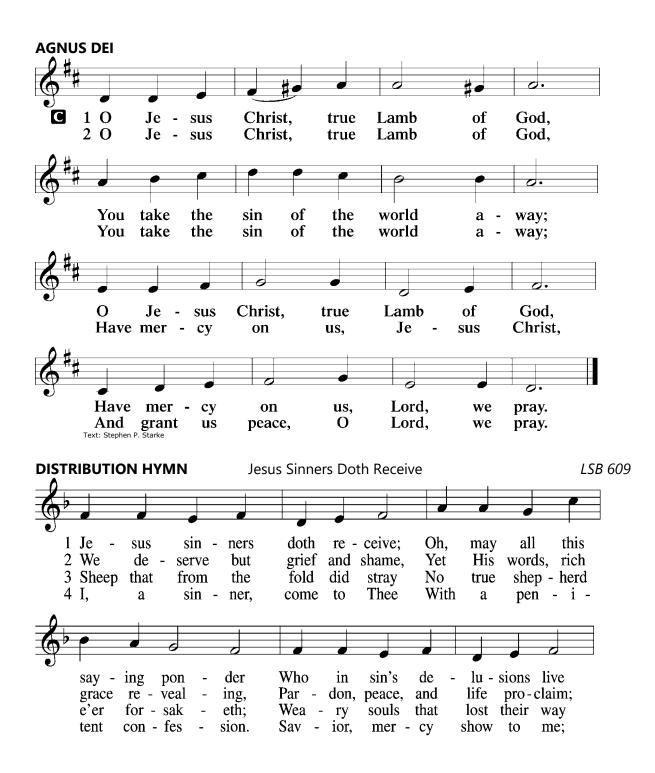
LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

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

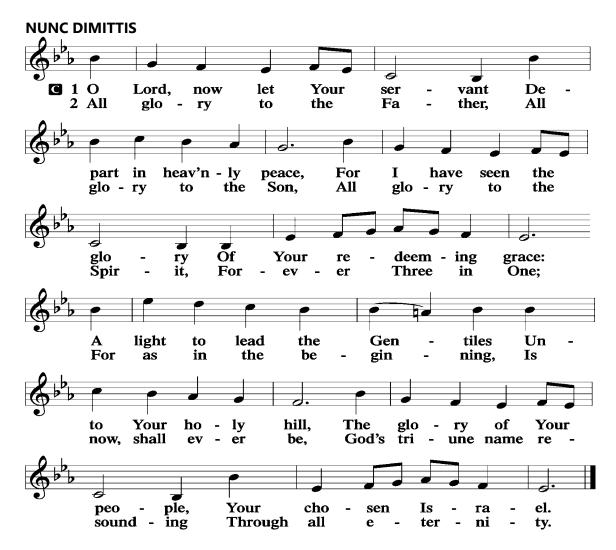


hope for And from God and der! Here heav - en wan is Here ills have per - fect heal ing. Firm - lv our in these _ His Christ, the Shep-herd. gent - ly tak eth In arms that Grant for all sins re - mis _ sion. Let these words my my all who grieve: Je doth re - ceive. SUS sin - ners words be - lieve: Je doth sus sin - ners re - ceive. they may live: Je sus doth sin - ners re - ceive. re - lieve: Je doth soul -SUS sin - ners re - ceive. 5 Oh, how blest it is to know: release Were as scarlet my And my ev'ry sin remitted. transgression, Naught remains my soul to It shall be as white as snow arieve: By Thy blood and bitter Jesus sinners doth receive. passion; For these words I now believe: 7 Jesus sinners doth receive: Jesus sinners doth receive. Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must 6 Now my conscience is at leave, I shall find an open heaven. peace; Dying, still to Him I cleave: From the Law I stand Jesus sinners doth receive. acquitted. Christ hath purchased my

DISTRIBUTION HYMN All Christians Who Have Been Baptized LSB 596 1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In - deed, from your con that was washed a - way- Im - mersed and drowned for -3 But all of on Christ— Our shame is ful - ly 4 In Bap - tism we now put And whose dai - ly life is prized The name of heav - en, in lost with all the earth, None good, with cep - tion, Con-demned and The wa - ter of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a ev - er. With all He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly cov - ered that Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned out Ad - am and what-ev - er Old sin de-stroyed And gain his here the flood suf - fered. For of His own blood for us Now Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus! gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one in - ward from the high-est good, You con-stant - ly de - nied Him. sin - ful selves em-ployed Ac - cord-ing to all our our na - ture. ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n-ly Fa - ther. makes us 5 O Christian, firmly hold this So use it well! You are made 6

gift And give God thanks forever! It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.

When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole And then in death completes you. So use it well! You are made new—In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation, Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!



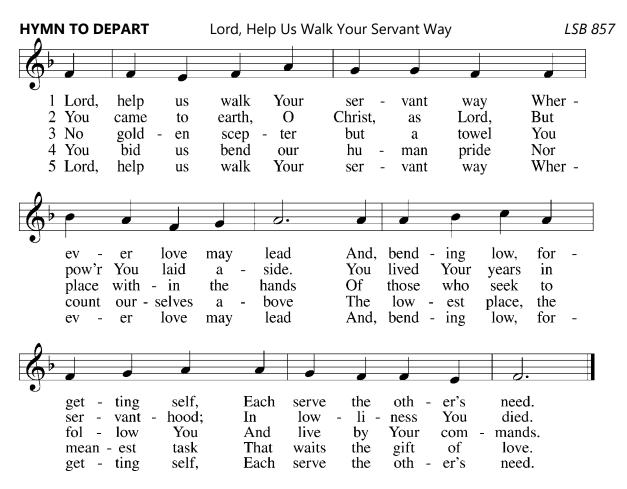
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- ▶ Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, 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; 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 Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Dan Torkelson, Senior Pastor
Music	Trevor Magness, <i>Organist</i>
Elder	Jeremy Bluhm
Lector	Colin Conn
Usher Team	Matthew Dierks
Greeters	Jerry & Holly Sander
Audio/Visual	James Fenske
Sound Engineer	Barb Koehler
Altar Guild	Janelle Tonsager

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SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CHANGE: Due to several Sundays of special programming in September, Adult Bible Study will resume on <u>Oct. 1</u>. The topic will be Biblical worship and is titled "Why We Do What We Do."

> In the study, we will learn the Biblical theology of worship and the Biblical roots of the services we use. In addition, we will discuss prayer, the devotional life, and the Church's ever-growing treasury of music that sings "the new song." Join us during the Educational Hour starting <u>Oct. 1</u>. *We hope to see you there!*

In his retirement, Pastor Baldwin will be assisting Pastor Torkelson with homebound



visits and hospital visits. Pastor Baldwin is organizing a Care Ministry Team which will serve as a connection to our members who are unable to attend our worship services or Bible classes. The Team would develop a plan to reach out to

those members through phone calls, emails, cards, etc., while Pastor Mark will make regular home visits sharing Holy Communion with them.

If you would like to serve on our Care Ministry Team, their first meeting is Thursday, September 21, 6:30pm or please contact Pastor Mark, Jo Schoohs, or Janelle Tonsager.

