



† **ALL SAINTS' DAY** †
10:30AM, Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

How blessed you are! Yes, you! Right here, right now, the Lord Jesus is ready to speak His blessings over you. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6). Jesus promises to satisfy you as you lay your sins at His feet and receive the blessing of His forgiveness this day. But not only are you blessed right here and now, you are forever blessed! "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). One day, Jesus will wonderfully bless you and all His saints by welcoming you into His presence forever. God grant you the heart to receive and share all the blessings He so freely gives.

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 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

"For All The Saints" (vs 1,2,4,6,8)

LSB 677

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C **Amen.**

P As we celebrate the saints of every age, we take to heart the exhortation of the psalmist: O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

C **Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!**

P I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C **Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

P Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C **Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Blessed to be in God's presence, let us confess our sins to Him. (*Silence for self-reflection*) Let us pray.

C **Help me, Lord, for I am in great need! My sins are too many to count. My burdens are too heavy to carry. I call out to You for mercy! I ask for Your forgiveness, full and free. As the Father who loves me and sent Jesus to die for me, forgive me of my sins. By Your Holy Spirit, create in me a pure heart that I may worship You in the company of all Your saints. As Your Word has promised, bless me as Your own. Amen.**

P "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." You have been blessed by Jesus with the purity of heart that comes from sins forgiven. Now we see God with eyes of faith; one day, we shall see Him face-to-face. This is all because of His mercy, which He has poured out upon you and all who trust in Him. As your pastor, it is my privilege to announce this grace to you and, as He has commanded, 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

SONG OF PRAISE

"Scars in Heaven"

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **You bless us now by Your Word and Spirit.**

P You will bless us for eternity with joy in Your presence.

C **Grant us hearts to receive and share all the blessings You so freely give;**

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

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-13

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of

heaven.¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Blest Are They”

LSB 982

SERMON *Red Letter Challenge Week 3: Forgiving*

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 remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they continue to serve Him forever. [At this time individuals who have died since last All Saints' Day may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ. *Alan Houser, Paul Kolberg, Duane Neitzel, Joan Weber, Carol Hinrichs, Bob Troia, Sheila Nygaard, Pat Baumgartner Jan Gauger*] In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promise that where You are, there Your servants shall be also. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, asking that its members grow in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

P Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that You strengthen us to bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P Confident that Your care for the saints knows no limits, Lord, we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, *especially* . . . Answer their petitions according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Reflecting on the journey of life we make together as the saints below, we pray for the youngest among us, the infants and children, and also for the most senior of saints, those who have been blessed with extended lives on earth. Give us love to cherish the company of all God’s people and seek to bring a sense of caring to all those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

OFFERING

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text “mountolive” to 77977.
Offerings can also be placed in the offering plates by the doors.*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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. We rejoice that by His death and resurrection You have called us to be Your saints and have promised to bless us forever! Gathered in the name of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to bless us as we share in the one loaf and partake of the one cup of salvation. Along with all Your saints, both those who wait for You on earth and those who are in heaven with You, we praise Your holy name as we say:
- C **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! 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 SONG “I Will Rise”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
C **Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,**
P Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
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 “When The Saints Go Marching In”

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Todd St Martin
Lector	Mary Goers
Usher Team	Chuck Jaskowiak

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Sunday, November 7

Office Hours: 9am-3pm (M-F)
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Weekly Calendar November 8-13

Monday (11/8)

9am Quilters
5pm Stewardship Board Meeting
6pm Board of Elders Meeting

Tuesday (11/9)

1pm Red Letter Challenge Tuesday
Small Group
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal
5pm School Committee Meeting
6:30pm Females in Faith

Wednesday (11/10)

10am Today's Light Bible Study
3pm MOLC Staff Meeting
5pm LOGOS
6pm Campanis Oliva Rehearsal
7pm Christus Choir Rehearsal
8pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday (11/11)

6:30pm Red Letter Challenge
Thursday Night Small Group

Saturday (11/13)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (11/14)

(Twenty Fourth Sunday After
Pentecost / LOGOS Sunday)
8am Divine Worship* †
9am Fellowship Hour
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Divine Worship* †

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

Barb Koehler koehlbs@gmail.com or
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Laurel Zobel lzobel@molc.us

This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Mary Kolberg, Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister), Jim Bosco, Kathryn Hanson, Marci Baldwin, Lisa Hammerly, Megan Bugg, Ryan & Michelle Strohm (celebrating the birth of their daughter Sophie Joan), Mount Olive Lutheran School and Preschool, Pastor Jason & Laurel Zobel

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun. October 31- 89/ 27

Alter Flowers Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by Gary & Peggy Rainbow in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Pillowcase Dresses: if you would like to help with this project, contact Connie LaRowe (836-1635 or connielarowe@gmail.com). If you would like to donate pillowcases (or just left over fabric you have), help us cut or sew or help in any other way, please let me know! This is a very simple project and we welcome any help. When finished, the dresses will be sent to girls in need. If curious, just look this up online and you'll see lots of examples.

Order your Christmas Poinsettias: Yes, it seems early, but it's time to order Christmas poinsettias for our altar. Please have order forms returned with payment by November 14th. There are order forms available at church or you may email altarflowers@molc.us to request an order form. Thank you in advance for your order!

The Chosen "The Messengers Movie": Join us December 2 at 7pm at Point Cinema for a private screening of The Chosen's "The Messenger" tickets are \$15 and a sign up is at the Welcome Center. To see a trailer, please see the TW@MOLC email!

Board of Christian Outreach Love Packages Collection: The collection deadline for **LOVE PACKAGES** has been extended until November 7th.

Red Letter Challenge: The Red Letter Challenge is here! Please see the TW@MOLC email for more info. If you're interested in participating in the group study, please contact Pastor Mark, mbaldwin@molc.us. There are copies of the book available to look through as well!

Lectors Needed: If you're interested in serving as a Lector on Sunday mornings, please contact Connie LaRowe, connielarowe@gmail.com for more info!

Prayer List: Once being put on the prayer list in the weekly announcements, all names will stay on it for 3 weeks. If you/loved one would like to remain on the list after 3 weeks, just let the office know and we will renew the request for another 3 weeks. As always, please update us with any news on your prayer request.

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MOLS After School Care Help: Mount Olive Lutheran School provides after-school care on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 3:00-4:30. We currently have only 1 student who needs supervision, he loves trains and playing in the gym. We are looking for someone 16 or older to supervise 1 or 2 days per week or all 3 days each week. The compensation is \$20/session. Even if you are only able to help out a few times a month that would be appreciated, too! Please contact Jess Koch at jkoch@molconline.org Thank you for your consideration!

Ushers Needed: The usher teams are currently looking for volunteers to serve as an usher on Sundays. For more information, please contact Chuck Jaskowiak or the church office.

SCRIP Cards: - It's not too early to start thinking about gift cards you might want to for the upcoming holiday season. SCRIP gift cards are a great way to get the gift cards you want and benefit Mt. Olive at the same time. Orders are placed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Check out glscrip.com to see rebate amounts and gift cards available. Cards can be ordered online or at the welcome center. See Connie LaRowe with questions.

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Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

November 14: Elaine Neitzel
November 21: Open
November 28: Bill & Kathy Skiera

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

November 14: Brian & Connie LaRowe
November 21: Doris Smith
November 28: Bill & Kathy Skiera

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Jeremy Bluhm
Lectors: George Krug / Kristi Mulcahey
Usher Teams: Curt Casanova / Matt Dierks
Greeters: George & Sue Krug / Open

Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Collection: The Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Community Impact Team 1s collecting donations of travel-sized toiletries for Porchlight, a non-profit organization for homeless folks in Dane County. Hygiene Supplies in need are: *toothbrushes, travel-size shampoo, conditioner, 2-in-1, lotion & soap/body wash, disposable razors & shaving cream, deodorant, Band-Aids.* **Donations will now be accepted year-round in the bin located on the floor inside the MOLC Food Pantry Closet.**

Stewardship Corner

“With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ...” (Service of the Sacraments, Proper Preface)

When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His House, we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us – they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day, everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away – everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Thanksgiving Cards and boxed Christmas cards have been restocked. All occasion and specialty individual greeting cards are 75 cents each. Boxed Christmas cards are \$5.00. All profits support the missions of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Please continue to self-serve. Your patronage is appreciated!

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

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.

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

Our Staff

Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*
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