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† **ALL SAINTS' DAY** †  
**10:30AM, Sunday, November 1, 2020**

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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**

There are different types of hope. The hope some people have is no more than wishful thinking. Others rely on their own plans and intellect to provide a measure of hope during times of difficulty. But for those of us who have been blessed with the gift of faith in our Lord Jesus, hope is sure. For His sake, our heavenly Father has forgiven all our sins and now calls us His own children, brothers and sisters of our Lord. We shall join those who have gone before us to sing God's eternal praises, even as we join "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" in the Sanctus before receiving His body and blood.

**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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**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**

"Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"

*Tomlin*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C **Amen.**

P Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. That hope is summarized in today's short Epistle.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.

C **We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.**

P Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT

*Revelation 7:14b Psalm 31:1,3,5*

P 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.

C **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.**

P For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

C **Into your hand I commit my spirit, you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

A **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

### SONG OF THE DAY

"I Will Rise"

*Tomlin*

### SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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 Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;**

**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*

<sup>9</sup>After 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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>"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. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For 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."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

*1 John 3:1-3*

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

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

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

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

pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice 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”

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## SERMON *Blessed Are You!*

## 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

*Mentioned in the prayers this morning are the following Mount Olive Members who have joined our Lord in Heaven: Marlin Teschendorf, Darlene Strassman, Gordan Tuffli, Ronald Schaefer, Gary Schulz*

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. *(After each name is read, a bell is tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ).*

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.

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For ourselves and all who with hope are realizing new beginnings—with new schools to attend, new loves to celebrate, new job opportunities to explore, and new positions in government to assume—that our Lord Jesus would give them joy in their endeavors, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For ourselves and all who in kindness care for one another—offering hospitality to the homeless, healing to the sick, counsel to the sorrowful, and support for the forgotten—that God would increase their love to provide home, health, consolation, and community; and for those near and dear to us who call to Him in hopeful prayer, including . . . that our gracious Lord would meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For ourselves and all who find they need gentle relief—vacations from demanding agendas and constructive criticism, retirement from career goals and job expectations, and personal time to listen to God’s gracious Word and to be aware of His constant presence—that our heavenly Father would grant them peace and renew their hope until faith gives way to sight, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text “mountolive” to 77977.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### 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 be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 SONG

“Beatitudes”

*Hillsong*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace, comfort and joy in this Sacrament,

**C and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;**

**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

“When The Saints”

*Springsteen*

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### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Flowers this morning are given by Gary and Peggy Rainbow in celebration of their anniversary and their youngest grandson's first birthday.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Rev. Mark Baldwin, *Family Life Director*  
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Sunday, November 1

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## Weekly Calendar

November 2-7

### Monday (11/2)

9am Quilters  
6:30pm Men at Work

### Tuesday (11/3)

Election Day  
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

### Wednesday (11/4)

10am Today's Light Bible Study  
5:30pm LOGOS  
6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

### Thursday (11/5)

6pm School Committee Meeting

### Saturday (11/7)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

### Sunday (11/8)

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, Bob Troia, Tim Koehler, Dave Stansfield, George Krug, Duane Neitzel

## This Week's News

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun, October 25 – 53/33

**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: **November 2:** Song of Solomon 7-8, Proverbs 1 **November 3:** Proverbs 2-5 **November 4:** Proverbs 6-8 **November 5:** Proverbs 9-11 **November 6:** Proverbs 12-15 **November 7:** Proverbs 16-18 **November 8:** Proverbs 19-21. A list of the November readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

**Outreach Survey:** The Board of Christian Outreach would like your input on what you think outreach into our greater Madison community might consist of. Hard copies of the survey are available at the welcome center! Please make sure completed surveys are returned today!

**September 30 Blood Drive Results:** Mount Olive's successful fall Red Cross Blood Drive exceeded its goals by 26%! Special thanks to the many Mount Olive members who made appointments or dropped in. This drive alone collected 38 units and will help to save as many as 114 lives! The Red Cross expressed sincere appreciation to Mount Olive for our generosity and ongoing support. The next blood drive at Mount Olive will be March 24, 2021.

**Females in Faith:** Females in Faith is starting a new study and we would love for you to join us! We will be starting **Sermon on the Mount** by Jen Wilkin on November 10 at 6:30pm. We meet via Zoom. Contact Andrea Black (608-220-7260) with any questions.

**Men at Work:** Join us as we continue our study on the parables. Men at Work will meet tomorrow night (Nov 2) at 6:30. Contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Jason with any questions.

**Mount Olive Concert Series:** Thank you to all who attended last Sunday's organ dedication concert! Mark your calendars, "Lessons and Carols" is set for Sunday December 20! (Continued on back inside cover)



**Order your Christmas Poinsettias:** Yes, it seems early, but it's time to order Christmas poinsettias for our altar. Because of the Covid situation Klein's Floral is growing less plants this year. They will not be accepting any changes or cancellations after the order date. Please have order forms returned with payment by November 8th. There are order forms available at church or you may email [altarflowers@molc.us](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us) to request an order form. Thank you in advance for your order.

**Carenet Baby Bottle Campaign:** This year's baby bottle campaign will run during the month of November. Grab a bottle from the Welcome Center! As you fill it with loose change, cash, or checks, you help provide life affirming resources to women and men facing unintended pregnancies through the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center. Contact Connie LaRowe [connielarowe@gmail.com](mailto:connielarowe@gmail.com) or Carol White [carolindawhite44@gmail.com](mailto:carolindawhite44@gmail.com) for more information.

**A Man Named Martin:** Join us during education hour as we study the life of Martin Luther. Part 1 of "A Man Named Martin" continues this morning in the fireplace room during education hour. Missed a session or want to look ahead? Part 1 materials and a preview of part 2 are available on Mount Olive's website! [www.molc.us/bible-study](http://www.molc.us/bible-study)

**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.

## Stewardship Corner

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"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." (Matthew 8:36)

This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us – His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

## Just a Note

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**Card Shop:** Bless those near and far with Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Nice selection now on display, plus all occasion greeting cards for wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy, and much more. Continue to self-serve when you visit the Card Shop located in the Library. Individual cards are 75 cents each. Thank you for supporting the missions at LWML with your purchases.

**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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