



† REFORMATION SUNDAY †
8:00AM, Sunday, October 25, 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

To the consternation of His opponents, Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God’s righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us. Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: “fear God and give Him glory . . . and worship Him who made heaven and earth” (Revelation 14:7).

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 “Ein Feste Burg” J.S. Bach, performed by Mount Olive Brass Ensemble

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790*



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. 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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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

INTROIT

Psalm 9:1-2, 9-10, 18



P For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

C **I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart;***
I will recount all of your won- | derful deeds.

P I will be glad and ex- | ult in you;* I will sing praise to your name, | O Most High.

C **The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,* a stronghold in times of | trouble.**

P And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;**
as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;




as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE




☐ Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-

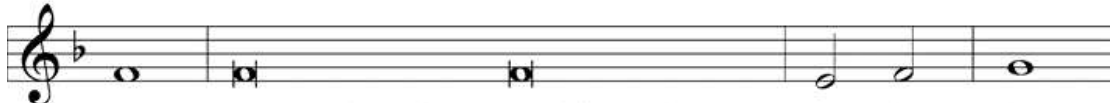


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS




Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



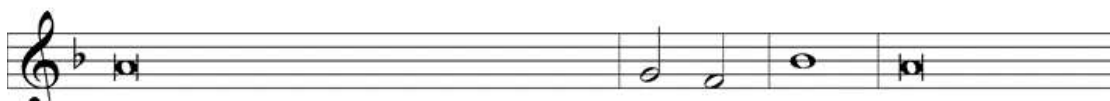
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ A - men.

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of

works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“A Mighty Fortress”... *Campanis Oliva*

SERMON *Do Not Fear, For God Is Our Refuge*

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father

and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances. O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, especially . . . Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer 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

P The Lord be with you.



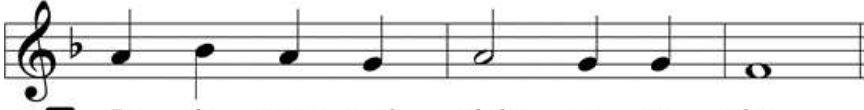
C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

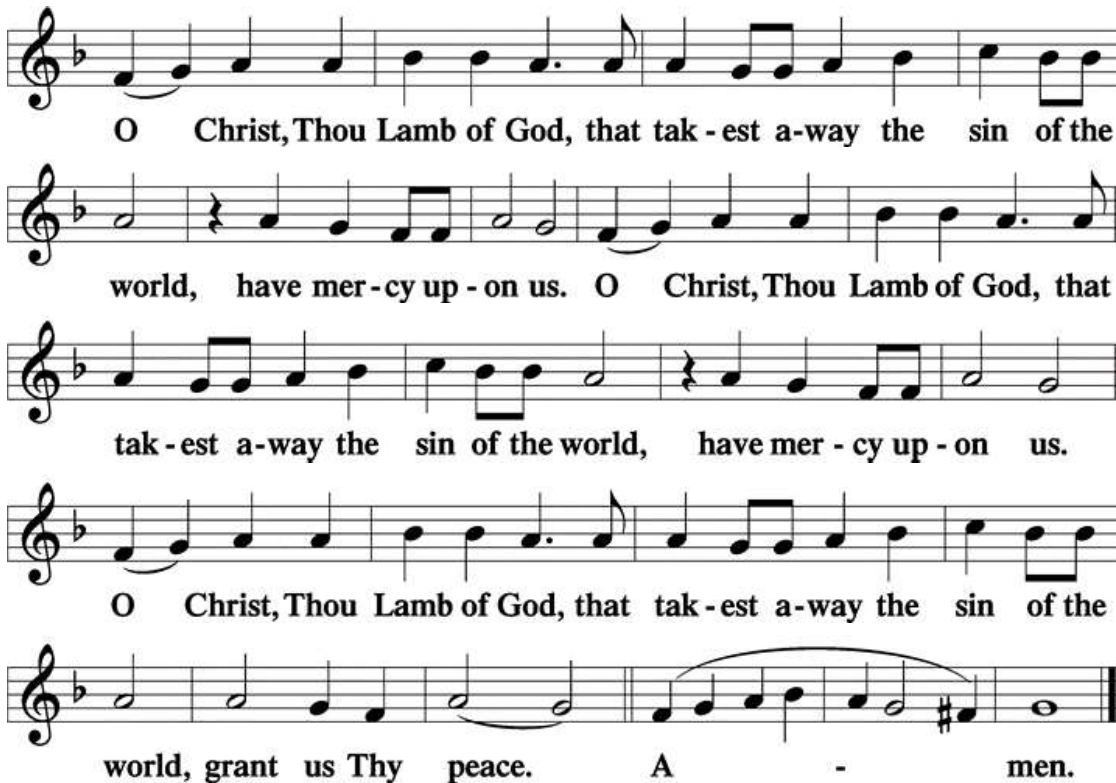
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

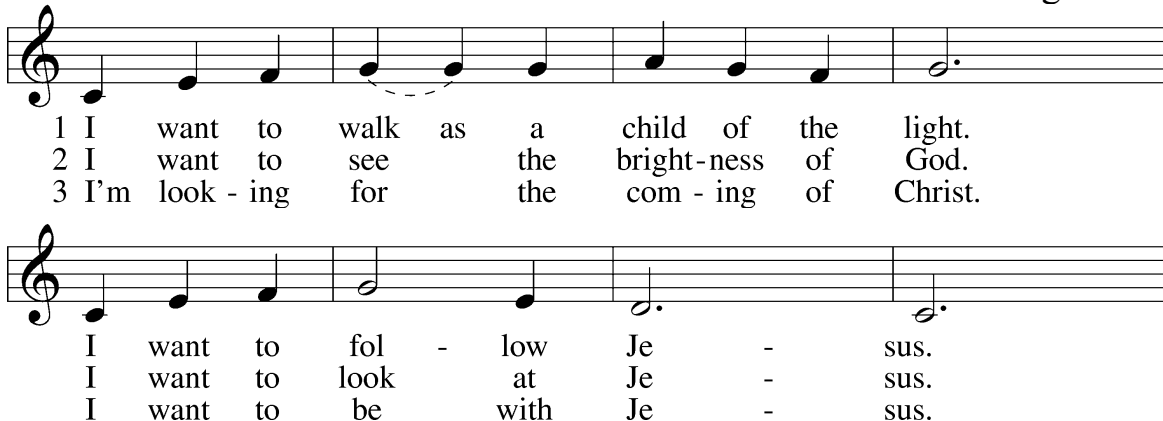
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



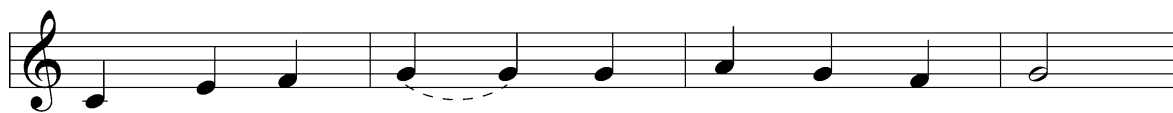
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *LSB 411*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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 A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

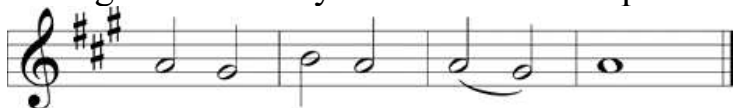
P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is our God” *LSB 657 (vs 1-4)*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”O. Winter-Hjelm

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ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Flowers this morning are given by Brian and Connie LaRowe in celebration and thanksgiving for their daughter, Amy, who was married yesterday.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*
Music Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*, Mount Olive Brass Ensemble, Campanis Oliva
Elder Stuart Sliter Usher Team Chuck Jaskowiak
Altar Guild (October) Marge Bils

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Weekly Calendar

October 26- 31

Monday (10/26)

9am Quilters

Tuesday (10/27)

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

6:30pm Females in Faith (Zoom)

Wednesday (10/28)

10am Today's Light Bible Study

5:30pm LOGOS

6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday (10/31)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (11/1)

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

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun, October 18 - 44/46

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: **October 26:** Psalm 113-115 **October 27:** Psalm 116-118 **October 28:** 1 Kings 1-2, Psalm 37, 71 **October 29:** Psalm 94, 119:1-88, 1 Kings 3 **October 30:** 1 Kings 4, 2 Chronicles 1, Psalm 72 **October 31:** Psalm 119:89-176, Song of Solomon 1-3 **November 1:** Song of Solomon 4-6. A list of the October readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Preschool Compassion Project: Can you please help us with our Compassion Project? During October, we will be collecting red and blue items for care packages for our local fire and police departments. Preschoolers will be sending letters along with these care packages as a token of appreciation to our emergency responders. A laundry basket will be available in the narthex for you to drop off your donations. We are looking for items such as red and blue Gatorade, red and blue packaged snacks (cheez-its, ritz, chips ahoy, oreos, etc), red and blue candy, and any other items that would fit this category. Any questions, please call or see Laurel. Thanks for helping us say thanks to these special people!

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 by November 1!

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.

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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 to request an order form. Thank you in advance for your order.

Mount Olive Concert Series: The Organ Dedication Concert is set for this afternoon at 3:00 PM. The concert features music spanning history and highlighting the features of the majestic instrument. Come join as we dedicate the new organ!

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 are available on Mount Olive's website!

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 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.

Pastor Jason Out of the Office: Pastor Jason will be on vacation October 26th through November 1st and will be back in the office on November 2nd.

Pastor Mark Out of the Office: Pastor Mark will be out of the office on Tuesday October 27th and will be back in the office on the 28th.

Stewardship Corner

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Just a Note

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 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!

Our Staff

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