



† **REFORMATION SUNDAY** †
10:30AM, Sunday, October 31, 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

Reformation Sunday is not just a special day to celebrate our history by remembering the story of Martin Luther; it is a perfect opportunity to rejoice in the freedom we have been given from sin and death through Jesus Christ alone. By gathering to receive His Word and to share in His Supper, we come to know yet again the eternal Gospel that is being proclaimed to all who dwell on earth. This good news not only sets us free from our captivity to sin and death, but it also enables us to live a life of freedom in Christ and boldly share with others how they, too, may be set free. The same Savior who speaks His Word to us says to all who will listen: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

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.

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

Campanis Oliva

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

LSB 657

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 Jesus said, “If you abide in My word,

C **you are truly My disciples,**

P and you will know the truth,

C **and the truth will set you free.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P With humble hearts, let us approach our Father’s throne of grace.

C **Gracious Father, because our entire lives are to be ones of repentance, we bow before You and confess our sins. We have turned away from the truth of Your Word, choosing to go our own way. By what we have thought, by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, we have broken Your commands and are deserving of Your wrath and punishment. By the mercy of Christ, Your Son, set us free from our captivity. Enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live under You in Your kingdom and to serve You in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Amen.**

P Just as Christ is risen from the dead, He lives and reigns to all eternity! It is most certainly true that He died and rose again for you to make you right with God, to adopt you as children of the heavenly Father, and to set you free from sin and death. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P “So if the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!”**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SONG OF PRAISE

“This I Believe”

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.
C **Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth,**
P protect and deliver us in times of temptation,
C **defend us against all enemies,**
P and, through the abiding Word of Your Son,
C **set us free from our sin that we may know Your saving peace;**
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.**

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Thy Word”

Exultation Choir

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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

C **Glory to You, 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'?"³⁴ Jesus 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.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"One Thing Remains"

SERMON *Red Letter Challenge Week 2: Being*

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 whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus, You have freed us from the captivity to sin and death, from the delusion of trying to earn and maintain our own righteousness, and from the chains of condemnation and fear. That is why we rejoice in Your Word: If the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!**

P Lord Jesus, only Your mercy and grace enable us to know, find, and live in the freedom of Your eternal Gospel. Send Your Spirit upon Your Church that we continue in the truths of the Reformation, and that, to all the peoples of the world, we proclaim this truth: If the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed!**

P Lord Jesus, free us from self-centeredness and pride. Turn our focus toward You first in faith and then toward others in love. Bless all who serve You and others in their homes, in the

church, in the workplace, and in our community to rejoice in knowing that if the Son sets you free,

C you will be free indeed!

P Lord Jesus, You proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery for those with infirmities. Grant Your healing, in both soul and body, to those we name before You, [especially . . .]. Rejoicing in Your healing touch, grant that all who receive Your Good News boldly say: If the Son sets you free,

C you will be free indeed!

P Lord Jesus, for these and all other concerns we have, please hear and answer our prayers according to Your gracious will

C that we live each day in the freedom we have come to know. 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 be our Savior. With joyful hearts, we receive the truth that sets us free. We are free to know You, free to worship You, and free to abide in Your Word! Gather us together from every nation, tribe, language, and people to celebrate at the Table of our crucified and risen Savior and receive Him as He comes to us in His body and blood. 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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son’s body and blood. Knowing the freedom of sins forgiven, send us out from this place as we walk by faith alone and share Your Word with the world Christ died to save; through the same 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 Jesus said, “If you abide in My word,

C **you are truly My disciples,**

P and you will know the truth,

C **and the truth will set you free.**

P So if the Son sets you free,

C **you will be free indeed.”**

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

“New Doxology”

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Weekly Calendar
November 1-6

Monday (11/1)

9am Quilters
6pm Men at Work

Tuesday (11/2)

1pm Red Letter Challenge Tuesday Small Group
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal
6pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday (11/3)

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 (11/4)

6:30pm Red Letter Challenge
Thursday Night Small Group

Saturday (11/6)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (11/7)

(All Saints' Day)
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, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister), Jim Bosco, Kathryn Hanson, Marci Baldwin, Lisa Hammerly, Tim & Jennie Koehler (celebrating the birth of their daughter Lily), 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 24- 91/ 37

Alter Flowers Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by Belinda Jordan in honor of Martin Luther.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mike & Karen Stolen

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.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed: The Altar Guild needs volunteers to help prepare and clear communion each Sunday. The commitment is for one month out of the year; time commitment for each weekend is about 1.5 hours. Learning the tasks involved is quite easy. Preparation is usually done either Friday afternoon or Saturday. The clean-up time can be flexible. If you're interested, please let Curt Casanova (curtcasanova@gmail.com) or another Elder know.

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!

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.**

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!

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!

Youth Room Update: The high school youth room has had a makeover with new carpet and paint. The old carpet was old and had experienced multiple events of water damage. We hope this will make the room nicer for the youth and can be scheduled for use by other congregational groups for many types of events. We are looking for dark solid colored gently used couches and easy chairs to help furnish the room. If you know of anyone that may have some furniture, please contact the church office.

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

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.

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

November 7: Open
November 14: Open
November 21: Open
November 28: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

November 7: Open
November 14: Brian & Connie LaRowe
November 21: Doris Smith
November 28: Open

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Todd St Martin
Lectors: Eunice Gibson / Mary Goers
Usher Teams: Chuck Jaskowiak / Chuck Jaskowiak

Stewardship Corner

"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20)

The Law of God is good – it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Keep in touch with friends and family near and far with a Thanksgiving or Christmas card. We also have a nice selection of all occasion cards for wedding, anniversary, birthday, get well, sympathy, and more. Continue to self-serve when you visit the Card Shop located in the Library. Individual cards are 75 cents each, no tax. 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!

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

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