



**“FAMILY REUNION” RALLY DAY**  
Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:00AM  
Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School  
Madison, Wisconsin



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† **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY** †  
**9:00AM, Sunday, September 12, 2021**

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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**

Lutheran education began in response to some disappointing survey results. It was 1528; the Reformation had been going on for eleven years. Martin Luther was a university professor and wanted to learn how well the teachings of grace alone, faith alone, and Scripture alone had been absorbed into the local congregations. So he sent out visitors to the parishes in his German state, Saxony. The survey results prompted the writing of what we know today as Luther’s Small Catechism. Luther was blunt and candid in his preface to the Catechism about what the visitors discovered: “The deplorable, miserable conditions which I recently observed when visiting the parishes have constrained and pressed me to put this catechism of Christian doctrine into this brief, plain, and simple form. How pitiable, so help me God, were the things I saw: the common man, especially in the villages, knows practically nothing of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are almost entirely incompetent and unable to teach. Yet all the people are supposed to be Christians, have been baptized, and receive the Holy Sacrament even though they do not know the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments and live like poor animals of the barnyard and pigpen. What these people have mastered, however, is the fine art of tearing all Christian liberty to shreds.” The need for faithful Lutheran education has not diminished. Today, we celebrate the blessings God has given us through Lutheran education, and we ask Him for His continued providence on our schools and teaching.

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**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

*LSB 740*



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

## BAPTISM OF SOPHIE JOANN QUECK

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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#### OPENING SENTENCES

P Jesus teaches us: "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### KYRIE

*Christus Choir*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In faith and in God's fear, let us come before God's throne of grace, confessing our sins, and trusting in His forgiveness and restoration. (*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*)

Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we are not the children You created us to be. Our sin has separated us from You and marked us on the path of death and destruction. We confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have added to this sin by our thoughts, words, and actions**

**that break Your Law. Trusting in the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross, we come before You to beg Your mercy and to restore Your fallen children. Forgive us our sins and create in us new hearts that we may love You with our whole heart and in obedience follow You all the days of our lives. Amen.**

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. Thanks be to God.**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### SONG OF PRAISE

“Christ Alone”

### SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Deuteronomy 6:4-15*

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. <sup>10</sup>“And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, <sup>11</sup>and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, <sup>12</sup>then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>13</sup>It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. <sup>14</sup>You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you— <sup>15</sup>for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## “We Are Called”

### EPISTLE

*Acts 2:37-41*

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 18:15-17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

*LSB 864*



1	Shep - herd	of	ten - der	youth,	Guid - ing	in
2	You are	the	ho - ly	Lord,	O all - sub -	
3	You are	the	great	High	Priest;	You have pre -
4	O ev - er	be	our	guide,	Our shep - herd,	
5	So now,	and	till	we	die,	Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -  
 du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You  
 pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our  
 and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O  
 prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing  
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace  
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;  
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word  
 all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.  
 You so might save our race And give us life.  
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.  
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.  
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

**SERMON** *Bringing Children (of all ages) to Jesus*

**CATECHISM**

- P What do children owe to their parents?
- C **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”** (Ephesians 6:1-3)
- P What do parents owe to their children?
- C **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.** (Ephesians 6:4)

**INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

“Panis Angelicus”

*Grace Bartell, Cello*

**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. Merciful God, You are our Wisdom from above, the source of all knowledge. We give You thanks and eternal praise especially for Your majestic plan of salvation for the whole

world in the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Enlighten the minds of every person to believe the good news of the Gospel that many may be given the gift of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for our parents, teachers, pastors, professors, and theologians who faithfully deliver the truth of Your Word in home, church, school, and every form of instruction. Help us so to learn and know Your Word that we, too, may pass it on to our children and neighbors, that the glory of Your salvation may continue to shine brightly in our world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant success and blessing to our Lutheran schools, especially . . . and all our elementary schools, high schools, universities, and seminaries established for the glorious task of handing down the truth of Your pure Word through each generation. Raise up many to take on the task of teaching in Your Church for years to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, graciously guide the nations of the world and especially the leaders of our own nation. May Your Word have free course to be preached and taught, learned and believed, and may we be enabled to live in peace and safety. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for all who are sick, injured, or facing or recovering from surgery or other medical procedures, especially . . . Grant each one the knowledge of Your gracious will for healing, health, and wholeness, that they may put their trust and hope in Your comforting presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Remembering all who have gone before us with the sign of faith and the knowledge of the truth, especially our parents, teachers, and those who have taught us the faith, we commend ourselves to Your continual care, that we may remain faithful and receive with them the crown of life. 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.**

## **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.**

## **OFFERING**

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.*

*Offerings can also be placed in the offering plates by the doors*

## CLOSING PRAYER

P Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father 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 HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
 △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Liturgist	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Family Life Director</i>
Music	Olive Branch, Christus Choir, Cherub Choir, Campanis Oliva, Mount Olive Brass Ensemble, Grace Bartel, Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Steve Nelson
Lector	Judy Adrianson
Usher Team	Chuck Jaskowiak
Sound Booth	James Fenske
Altar Guild (September)	Janelle Tonsager

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**Sunday, September 12**

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## **Weekly Calendar** **September 13-18**

### **Monday (9/13)**

9am Quilters  
6pm Board of Elders Meeting

### **Tuesday (9/14)**

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal  
5pm School Committee Meeting  
6:30pm Females in Faith

### **Wednesday (9/15)**

10am Today's Light Bible Study  
3pm MOLC Staff Meeting  
2-6pm Communion

### **Thursday (9/16)**

6pm Finance Committee Meeting

### **Saturday (9/18)**

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

### **Sunday (9/19)**

(Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost)

8am Divine Worship\* †  
9:15am Finance Committee  
Listening Session  
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, Greg Schwechel, Chuck Bils, Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister), Mike Stollenwork, Jim Bosco, Jan Gauger, Kathryn Hanson, Sheila Nygaard Mount Olive Lutheran School

## **This Week's News**

**Weekly Attendance:** **Thur. September 2 - 16**  
**Sun. September 5- 55/36**

*Today we welcome Sophie Joann Queck into the family of Christ through the Waters of Holy Baptism!*

**Altar Flowers Sponsors:** Flowers this morning are given by the Mount Olive Lutheran Church School Committee in celebration of the first school year at Mount Olive Lutheran School.

**After School Care and Substitutes:** Mount Olive Lutheran School is currently looking for someone to help out with after school care 3 days a week. We are also looking for individuals that would be interested in being on the substitute teacher list for this upcoming school year. If you're interested, please feel free to contact Jess, [jkoch@molconline.org](mailto:jkoch@molconline.org) or the church office, [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us)!

**Greeters Needed:** We are seeking Greeters once again to greet members/nonmembers Sunday mornings before services. Greeters are an important part of Mt Olive, and the activity doesn't require a lot of preparation time on your part. Thanks much for your consideration! Please contact Jeanne Kral @ (608) 836-1186, [davenjeanne@tds.net](mailto:davenjeanne@tds.net) or the office, [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us) if interested.

**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](mailto:curtcasanova@gmail.com)) or another Elder know.

**Usher Volunteers 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.

**MOLS Yard Signs:** Mount Olive Lutheran School yard signs are here! Feel free to grab one to display in your yard!

**Finance Committee Listening Session:** Mark your calendars! The Finance Committee will be holding a listening session on Sunday September 19 during education hour to discuss Sanctuary renovations.

### Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

September 19: Chuck & Marge Bils

September 26: Open

October 3: Open

October 10: Open

October 17: Open

October 24: Open

October 31: Open

### Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

September 19: Open

September 26: Open

October 3: Open

October 10: MOLC Fellowship Board

October 17: Open

October 24: Open

October 31: Open

**Mount Olive Lutheran School Scholarship:** If you are looking for a way to support Mount Olive Lutheran School the “Defending the Faith Scholarship” is looking for mission partners to help provide a high-quality Christ-centered education! Questions? Feel free to contact the school committee at [schoolcommittee@molconline.org](mailto:schoolcommittee@molconline.org)!

**Fall Blood Drive:** Mount Olive will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross on **Wednesday, September 29 from 1-6pm**. Appointments are available by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Enter sponsor code: MtOliveMadison. Walk-in’s are also welcome! You will be eligible for promotional items by donating blood! Thank you!

**Red Letter Challenge:** Stay tuned for more information on our small group study starting in October, “The 40-day ‘Red Letter Challenge’”!

**Servants of Christ Seminar:** As you’re thinking about the future, we encourage you to attend Concordia’s Servants of Christ Seminar to learn more about what it means to be a servant of Christ in your studies, in your work, and in all of your relationships. During the seminar, learn about the biblical teaching of vocation, get information about college and careers, and take part in group sessions that will help you to grow in your faith. The “Servants of Christ Seminar” is for 5-8 graders, will be held on Saturday September 25 and Concordia University Wisconsin. For more info, please contact Kristina Jacoby, [Kristina.jacoby@cuw.edu](mailto:Kristina.jacoby@cuw.edu).

### Serving Next Week:

Elder: Stuart Sliter

Lectors: Marge Bils / Carl Koehler

Usher Teams: Curt Casanova / Matt Dierks

**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.

## Stewardship Corner

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“Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” (Mark 9:29)

Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

## Just a Note

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**Card Shop:** New cards have arrived - All Occasion, plus more new birthday and sympathy. Check out the display on shelves to right of desk. Continue to self-serve. All profits go to LWML. We are located in the Library. Thanks for your patronage!

**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!

**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](mailto: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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Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*

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Laurel Zobel, *Preschool Director*

Jess Koch, *MOLS Principal*

Luke Frauenhoff, *Office Manager*