



† **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD** †
10:30AM, Sunday, January 10, 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

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

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.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Receive the Power"

(Verse 1)

Every nation, every tribe,
Come together to worship You.
In Your presence we delight,
We will follow to the ends of the earth.

(Chorus)

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Receive the Power,
from the Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Receive the Power to be a light unto the world!

(Verse 2)

As Your Spirit calls to rise
We will answer and do Your Will.
We'll forever testify
Of Your mercy and unfailing love.

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Let revival come
Let the people sing
The glory of Your name

(Chorus)

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 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

P And God said, "Let there be light."

C **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful.

C **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

C **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness. (Silence for reflection)

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

- P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
- C **I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**
- P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- C **You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**
- P Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- C **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling,**
- P for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.
- C **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.**
- P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

SONG OF THE DAY

“God Of Wonders”

Byrd

(Verse 1)

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

(Chorus)
God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

(Verse 2)

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy holy holy

(Bridge)

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

(Verse 1)

Oh come come to the water
All who are thirsty
Come and be filled
Oh come come to the river
Brothers and sisters
Come and be healed
Come and be healed

(Verse 2)

Oh see the people returning
The love of the Father
Drawing us in
Oh see salvation coming Jesus our Savior
Light of the world
Light of the world

"Come to the Water" (Next page)

(Chorus)

We believe in the Kingdom come
We believe in the risen Son
You bring our hearts to life
Lord we come with our hands up high
We believe You will satisfy
You bring our hearts to life
You bring our hearts to life
We are alive
We are alive

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Let revival come
Let the people sing
The glory of Your name (Chorus)

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SERMON *What Baptism Brings*

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 pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C **reveal Your grace to us.**
- P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, especially . . . Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C **reveal Your grace to us.**
- P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C **reveal Your grace to us.**
- P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially . . . Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C **reveal Your grace to us.**
- P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C **reveal Your grace to us.**

OFFERING

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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 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

(Verse 1)

Oh let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

“Come to the Water”

(Verse 2)

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

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(Verse 3)

And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

(Verse 4)

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 **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 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (Next page)

O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 1)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

(Verse 2)

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Verse 3)

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Ending)

O Alleluia, alleluia!
O Alleluia, alleluia!

O Alleluia, alleluia!
O Alleluia, alleluia!

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Weekly Calendar

January 11-16

Monday (1/11)

9:30am Book Club (Zoom)

6:00pm Board of Elders Meeting

Tuesday (1/12)

9am-2pm Communion

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

6:30pm Females in Faith (Zoom)

Wednesday (1/13)

10am Today's Light Bible Study

2pm-6pm Communion

5:30pm LOGOS

6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday (1/16)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (1/17)

8am Divine Worship* †

9:30am Education Hour

10:30am Divine Worship* †

11:30am-1pm Communion

3pm Bach and Brass

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Bob Troia, Eunice Gibson, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, the family of Robert Radtke

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun, January 3- 42/49

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: **January 11:** 2 Chronicles 32-33, Nahum 1 **January 12:** Nahum 2-3, 2 Kings 22, **January 13:** 2 Kings 23, 2 Chronicles 34-35, Zephaniah, **January 14:** Zephaniah 2-3, Jeramiah 1, **January 15:** Jeramiah 2-4, **January 16:** Jeramiah 5-7, **January 17:** Jeramiah 8-10. A list of the January readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Preschool Registration For Fall 2021: Registration for members of Mount Olive, as well as current and alumni preschool families is now underway. Please see Laurel for a preschool packet or pick one up at the Welcome Center. Families who wish to have this priority must have their paperwork/registration fee turned in by February 1st. Registration opens to the public after February 1st and will then be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you know of anyone interested in receiving information or setting up a time to visit our facility, please have them call the office at 238-5656 or email Laurel at lzobel@molc.us. We look forward in serving more families as we share the love of Jesus with His precious little lambs.

Bucky Book Sales: Helping each other is what makes us a community and you can help front-line workers who are sacrificing so much while helping Mount Olive Youth Ministry. The Bucky Book will donate one book to a health care front-line worker for each book sold over the Holidays by clicking on our link below. Just redeem one or two coupons out of hundreds valid up to October next year and it will cost you nothing to help our group while saying thank you to front-line workers and lifting their spirits for the Holidays. Plus, Bucky Books make GREAT Holiday gifts with something for everyone.

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Bach & Brass: Mark your calendars! The next installment of Mount Olive's concert Series, "Bach and Brass" will be at 3:00pm on January 17!

Amazon Smile: Mount Olive is on Amazon Smile! For every purchase made on amazon.com, Mount Olive will receive 0.5% of your purchase price as a donation. To get signed up and for more information please visit: www.smile.amazon.com. Type in "Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church" to select Mount Olive as your charitable organization of choice!

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.

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.

Kitchen Use: If you are using dishes from the kitchen, please make sure the dishes are being washed after use. Thank you for doing your part to keep the kitchen clean!

SCRIP - SCRIP orders will be ordered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. SCRIP cards are the usual gift cards that you can use at most all stores. You can fill out a form at the Welcome Center and put it in the SCRIP mail slot or order online (if you'd like to order online, let me know so I can give you the code for MOLC) - the cards cost no more than those you buy in the stores, but when ordered through us, MOLC receives a rebate! When ordered on a Monday, they usually arrive by the following Wednesday. Plan ahead for birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day, teacher gifts, etc. You can order the physical card, an ecard, or in some cases a reloadable card. Let me know if you have any questions (connielarowe@gmail.com) <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

Christmas Poinsettias: If you purchased Christmas Poinsettias, please make sure you pick them up by Friday the 15th!

Stewardship Corner

"And (John) preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.' " (Mark 1:7)

John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Just a Note

Card Shop: While the COVID restrictions continue, please visit the Card Shop and "self-serve" as you have been doing. The Christmas cards will be put away and the Valentine cards will be brought out next. We will give you the totals given to Women's Missionary League in the February view. Thank you for all your support in 2020. Sending Christian greeting cards to friends and loved ones has been especially appreciated during these "stay at home" times and we will continue to offer a good assortment of birthday, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, anniversary, wedding cards, and more, still at the price of 75 cents each.

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!

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.

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