



† THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

8:00AM, Sunday, September 26, 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

God's grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

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 Still Small Voice"

Steven Scott

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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

INTROIT

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14; antiphon: v. 13



P Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,* your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

C **Praise the LORD! Praise the name | of the LORD,* give praise, O servants | of the LORD,**

P who stand in the house | of the LORD,* in the courts of the house | of our God!

C **Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is good;* sing to his name, for it is | pleasant!**

P Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,* your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

C **For the LORD will vindicate his | people* and have compassion on his | servants.**

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.**

P Your name, O LORD, endures for- | ever,* your renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

KYRIE

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



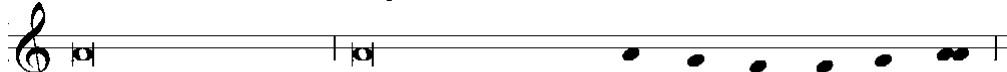
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



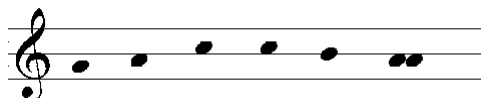
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



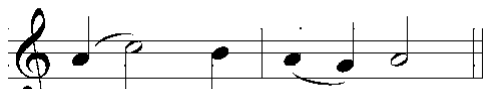
C Lord, have mer - cy.



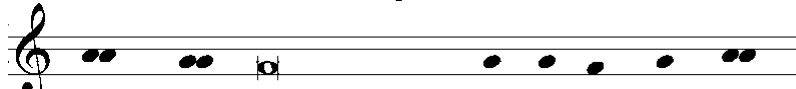
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

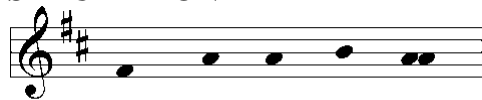


God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



SALUTATION

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . .” ¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give

us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” ¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . .” ²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

James 5:13-20

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸“where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.” ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est — to both great and small —
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

SERMON *Blessed Beyond What We Remember*

NICENE CREED

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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 Christian Church and for all people in their various needs. For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**

- P For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**
- P For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**
- P For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**
- P For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, including . . . let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**
- P For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.**
- P Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **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

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P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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.

P It is truly good, 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

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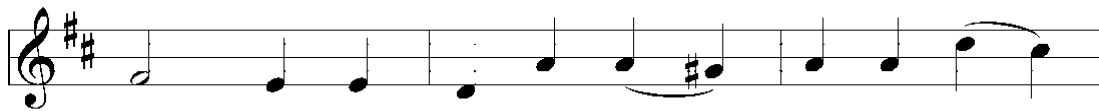
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



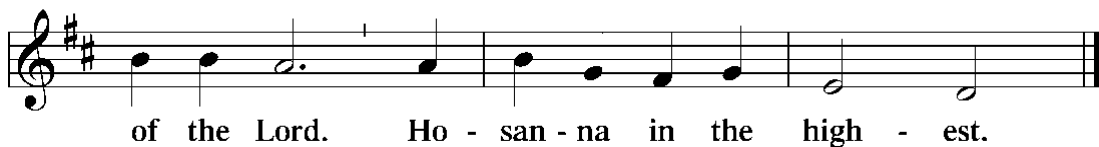
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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

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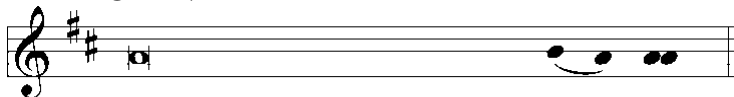
LORD'S PRAYER

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

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AGNUS DEI

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



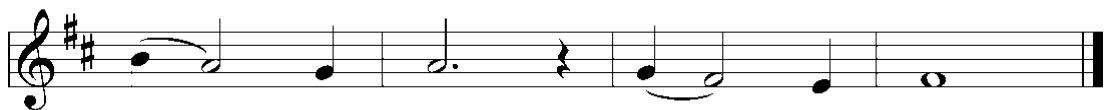
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



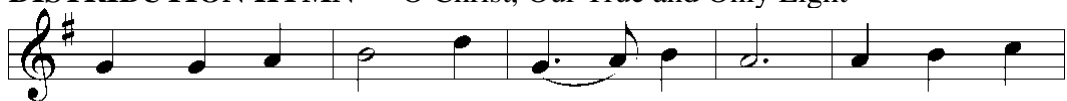
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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1 O Christ, our	true and	on - ly	light,	En - light - en
2 Fill with the	ra - diance	of	Your grace	The souls now
3 O gent - ly	call those	gone	a - stray	That they may
4 Shine on the	dark - ened	and	the cold;	Re - call the
5 That they with	us may	ev - er - more		Such grace with



those who sit	in night;	Let those a - far	now
lost in er -	ror's maze;	En - light - en	those whose
find the sav -	ing way!	Let ev - 'ry	con - science
wan - d'ers to	Your fold.	U - nite all	those who
won - d'ring	thanks a -	dore And end - less	praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

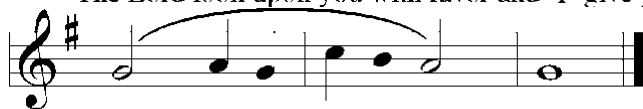
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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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 A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LSB 646



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in C Major”

Johann Pachelbel

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Weekly Calendar

September 27-October 2

Monday (9/27)
 9am Quilters

Tuesday (9/28)
 5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal
 5pm School Committee Meeting
 6:30pm Females in Faith

Wednesday (9/29)
 10am Today's Light Bible Study
 1-6pm Fall Blood Drive
 2-6pm Communion
 3pm MOLC Staff Meeting
 5pm LOGOS
 6pm Campanis Oliva Rehearsal
 7pm Christus Choir Rehearsal
 8pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday (10/2)
 7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (10/3)
 (Nineteenth Sunday After
 Pentecost)
 8am Divine Worship* †
 9am Fellowship Hour
 9:30am Education Hour
 10:30am Divine Worship* †

† Communion offered
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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Greg Schwechel, Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister), Mike Stollenwork, Jim Bosco, Kathryn Hanson, Marci Baldwin, Karen (Judy's Adrianson's Nephew's Wife), Tim & Jennie Koehler (celebrating the birth of their daughter Lily), Linda Dicks, The family of John Jordan, The Family of Sheila Nygaard, The Family of Pat Baumgartner, The Family of Jan Gauger, Mount Olive Lutheran School and Preschool

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun. September 19- 85 / 43

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 or the church office, office@molc.us!

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.

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!

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.

Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Collection: The Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Community Impact Team is collecting donations of travel-sized toiletries for Porchlight, a nonprofit 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*. There is a donation bin located in the Narthex.

Butter Braid Fundraiser: The preschool is again selling delicious Butter Braids after a year off! Proceeds will be given to the playground fund. We do have plans for the playground and are hoping to begin construction on it this school year. The fundraiser will take place from **September 23rd -October 24th**. All orders and payment should be submitted to Laurel by that date. Delivery will be held on November 1st. Butter Braids will be kept here at church in the freezer until you are able to pick them up. Please note that prices have increased due to rising costs, but these make great treats especially for the holidays. See Laurel between services or check the information desk in the narthex to place your order on the form. Please contact Laurel with any questions at 238-5656, ext. 218 or by email, lzobel@molc.us.

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

October 3: Open
October 10: Open
October 17: Open
October 24: Open
October 31: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

October 3: Open
October 10: MOLC Fellowship Board
October 17: Open
October 24: Open
October 31: Open

Mission Haiti Update: Due to the Covid pandemic, the ongoing state of political unrest, and most recently, a very severe earthquake in Haiti, Mission:Haiti asks for your prayers as they plan for the future, and for your financial support, so that the Good News of the Gospel can impact many lives and bring hope and a future to the people of Haiti. Contributions can be made via PayPal at www.missionhaiti99.org/donate or by check sent to: Mission:Haiti, 3850 S. University Drive #290171, Davie, FL 33329. Mission:Haiti is a 501 (c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible for IRS purposes.

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. Enter sponsor code: MtOliveMadison. Walk-in's are also welcome! You will be eligible for promotional items by donating blood! Thank you!

Fun Fire Fellowship: Mark your calendars! Fun, Fire, Fellowship, will be Saturday October 23. If you have campfire roasting sticks, please bring them to enjoy hot dogs and smores!

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Curt Casanova
Lectors: Steve Nelson / Carl Koehler
Usher Teams: Matt Dierks / Curt Casanova

Stewardship Corner

"And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell." (Mark 9:45)

So, what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? It's better to cut "it" off! We need the Lord's help to do this, and you are in the right place this Lord's Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

Just a Note

Card Shop: New birthday and sympathy cards are featured on shelves to right of desk. We are located in the Library and all profits support the missions of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Self-service is working out well. Thanks for your patronage.

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

Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Mark Baldwin, *Family Life Director*
Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*
Laurel Zobel, *Preschool Director*
Jess Koch, *MOLS Principal*
Luke Frauenhoff, *Office Manager*