

† THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST † 8:00AM, Sunday, July 18, 2021 DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE, LSB pg. 184

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

An old Jewish prayer begins, "Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe." To call God "King" is to acknowledge Him as the highest ruler over all. Earthly kings never created the subjects of their rule out of nothing as has the one Creator God. So much higher and more exalted than any earthly sovereign king is God. In the Old Testament, God gave His people kings for their nation. But unlike the rulers of other nations, Israel's kings were to rule in God's name and after His heart and will and word. They were to rule God's people like shepherds tending sheep, like David of old. Few, however, were faithful to their calling. Through a king named Zedekiah, God both condemned the former faithless kings and promised the future righteous Branch of the great King David. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus, God's Son, having compassion on people as a shepherd has compassion on the sheep. Because of Jesus' blood and righteousness, you have a King that cannot fail. He cares for you and will deliver you safely to your eternal home.

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.

WELCOME



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C who made heaven and earth.

- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

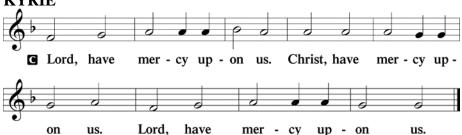
SERVICE OF THE WORD



Psalm 147:7-11; antiphon: Psalm 145:16

- P You open | your hand;* you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- C Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;* make melody to our God | on the lyre!
- P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;* he makes grass grow | on the hills.
- C He gives to the | beasts their food,* and to the young ravens | that cry.
- P His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,* nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
- C but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,* in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
- 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 You open | your hand;* you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.









SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

P Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah* 23:1-6

¹"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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HOLY GOSPEL

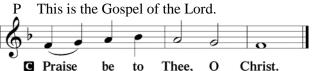
Mark 6:30-44

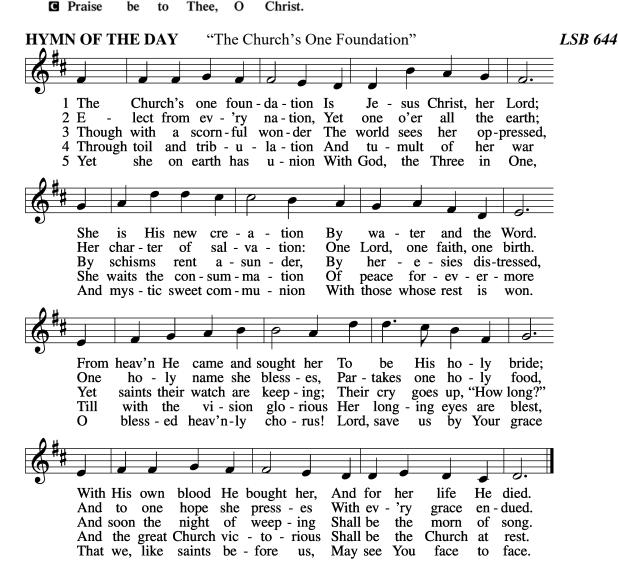
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five

loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.





SERMON An Unexpected Feast

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

(Pastor will close each prayer with "Lord, in Your mercy" the congregation will reply with "hear our prayer.")

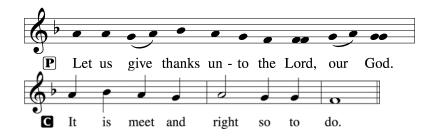
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

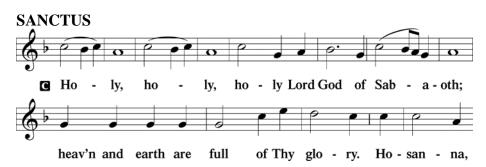
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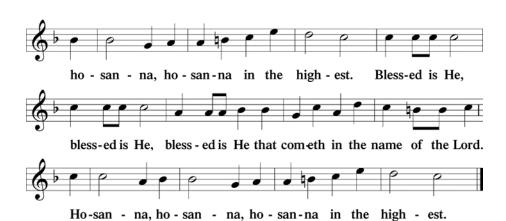
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE The Lord be with you. P And with thy it. spir Lift your hearts. up We lift them Lord. un - to the up



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

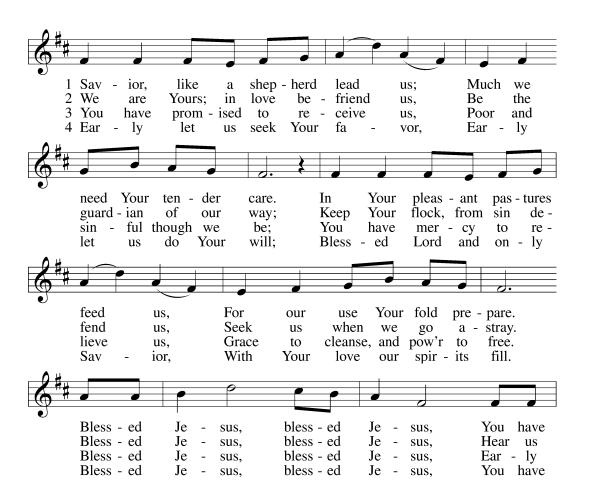
LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.



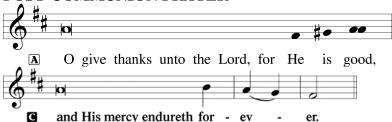
DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



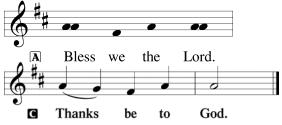
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

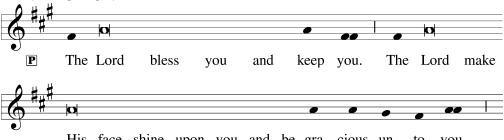
SALUTATION



BENEDICAMUS



BENEDICTION



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.





POSTLUDE "Joy Unending" Lani Smith

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Sunday, July 18

Office Hours: 9am-3pm (M-F) office@molc.us (608) 238-5656 Emergencies: (608) 228-4134 (Pastor)

Weekly Calendar

July 19-24

Monday (7/19) 9am Quilters

Tuesday (7/20) View articles due

9am-2pm Communion 5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal 5pm School Committee Meeting 5:45pm Fellowship Board Meeting

Wednesday (7/21)

10am Today's Light Bible Study 1pm MOLC Staff Meeting 2-6pm Communion

Thursday (7/22) 6:30pm Summer Worship†

Saturday (7/24) 7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (7/25)

(Ninth Sunday After Pentecost) 8am Divine Worship* † 9am Fellowship Hour 9:30am Education Hour 10:30am Divine Worship* † 11:30am Communion

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

Barb Koehler <u>koehlbs@gmail.com</u> or (608) 335-6589 Laurel Zobel lzobel@molc.us

This Week's Prayers

We Pray for... Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, Greg Schwechel, Chuck Bils, Michelle & Andy Schultz (sister and brother-in-law of Jess Koch), Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister), Mike Stollenwork, Dorothy Zobel, Brian LaRowe, Jim Bosco, Mount Olive Lutheran School

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Thur. July 8-12, Sun. July 11-67/33

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by the MOLC staff in celebration of staff July birthdays.

Mount Olive Lutheran School Fall Registration: Mount Olive Lutheran School is now enrolling Kindergarten through 2nd grade for the 2021/2022 school year! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the office at office@molc.us!

VBS Director and Sunday School Superintendent Positions: There are two positions available in which YOU can help guide our youth's Christian education. Please see Luke in the office or email church_office@molconline.org for position descriptions or email Board of Christian Education Director, Kristie Kasbohm, at kristiekas@gmail.com with questions.

Greeters Needed: We our 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 if interested.

New Bible Study: Steve Nelson will be leading a new Bible Study in the fireplace room during education hour. We will be studying "Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus: How a Jewish Perspective Can Transform Your Understanding" by Lois Tverberg.

What would it be like for modern readers to sit down beside Jesus as he explained the Bible to them? What life-changing insights might emerge from such a transformative encounter? Lois Tverberg knows the treasures that await readers willing to learn how to read the Bible through Jewish eyes. By helping them understand the Bible as Jesus and his first-century listeners would have, she bridges the gaps of time and culture in order to open the Bible to readers today. Combining careful research with engaging prose, Tverberg leads us on a journey back in time to shed light on how this Middle Eastern people approached life, God, and each other. She explains age-old imagery that we often misinterpret, allowing us to approach God and the stories and teachings of Scripture with new eyes. By helping readers grasp the perspective of its original audience, she equips them to read the Bible in ways that will enrich their lives and deepen their understandina.

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The 2nd Annual Mt. Olive Lutheran School Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, **August 7, 2021 with a 1:00 pm Shotgun Start** at The Meadows of Six Mile Creek in Waunakee, Wisconsin. The cost is \$100/person -- \$400/foursome which includes 18 holes of golf/cart/dinner/sleeve

of golf balls/prizes/fellowship. Registration forms are available on the Information Table by the Church Office. Registrations must be in by Sunday, July 25, 2021. If you are not a golfer but would like to support the golf outing and our school, here are a few ways you may do that: Volunteer the day of the event – You, Your Family, or Your Company may sponsor a hole for \$100/hole – You may share a monetary donation to "Mt. Olive Lutheran School." If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark, Mike Frazier, or John Mulcahey.

View Articles Due: August View articles are due by **Tuesday July 20.** Thanks in advance for your submissions!

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

July 25: Fred & Lois Buelow

August 1: Pastor Mark & Marci Baldwin

August 8: Open

August 15: Church Picnic

August 22: Open August 29: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

July 25: Krals

August 1: Open

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August 29: Open

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.

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!

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

Stewardship Corner

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)

What all of mankind's efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did. We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Graduation cards are featured and a good supply of Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy cards also available. How about a Thinking of You card to friends and family who have been isolated during Covid confinements? Please continue to self-serve. All profits go to LWML.

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.

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