



† THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

8:00AM, Sunday, September 5, 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

In today's Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

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

"God's Grace"

Stanley Bert Eisen

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Lord, Open My Heart Now To Hear "

LSB 908

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants the
 △ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the
 Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or
 tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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- 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

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- 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

INTROIT

Psalm 28: 1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v.8



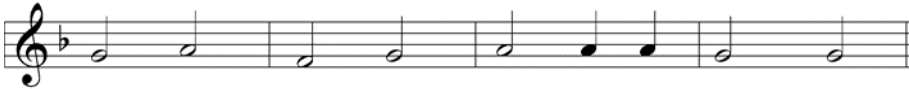
- L The LORD is the strength of his | people;* he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.
C **To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,* lest, if you be silent to me, I
become like those who go down | to the pit.**
L Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,* when I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.
C **Blessèd | be the LORD!* For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.**
L The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;* my heart
exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
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.**
L The LORD is the strength of his | people;* he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

KYRIE

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



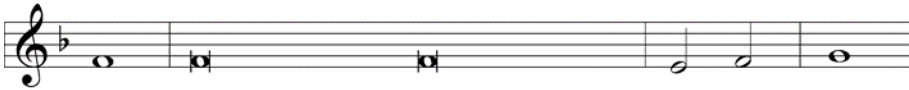
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you

And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P Let us pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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 *Isaiah 35:4-7a*

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *James 2:1-10, 14-18*

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . . ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ALLELUIA

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■ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

SERMON *God's Good News When We Fear*

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 people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested . . . and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord, grant to the homeless, the widowed, the orphaned, and the unemployed Your strength to bear up under the weight of their trials and Your guidance to bring them to the places where their needs may be answered. Open our hearts to care for them and support them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord, grant to us grace that none of us approach Your Table with unrepented sin, and help us to receive with faith and for our benefit the richest gifts of Your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. 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.**

OFFERING

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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, 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 God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

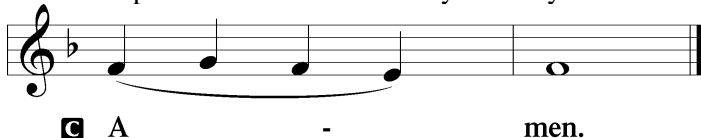
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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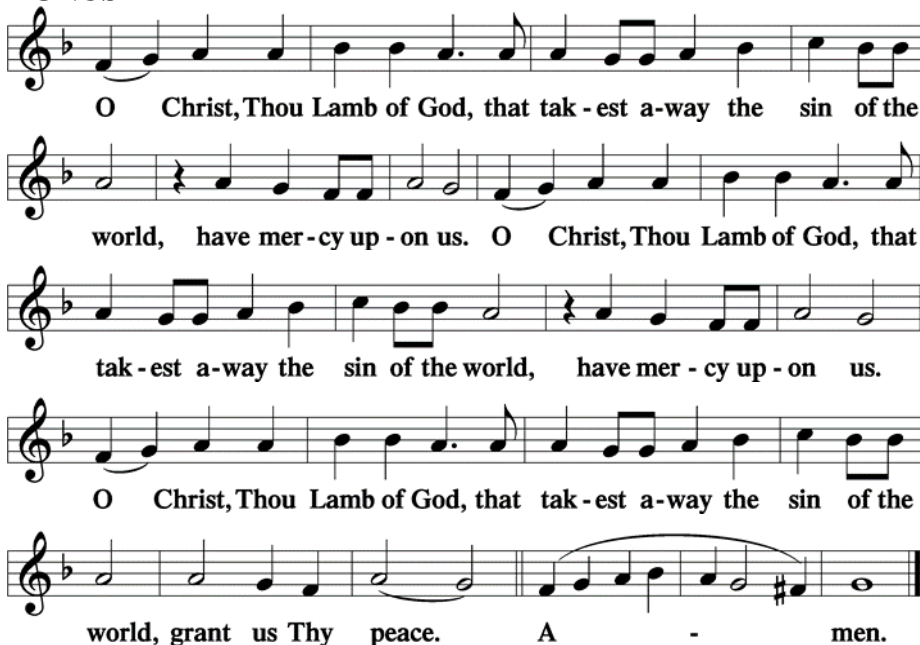
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637



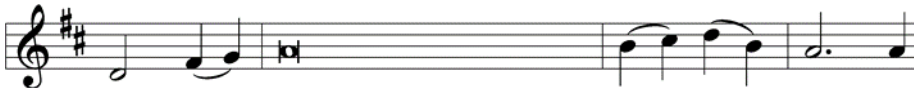
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

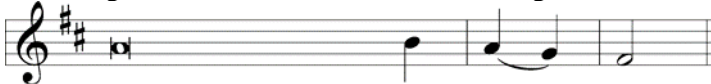


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

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P The Lord be with you.

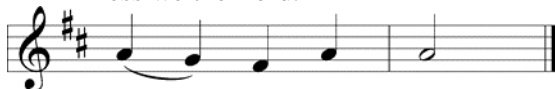


C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

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P Bless we the Lord.

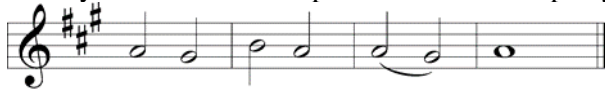


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

POSTLUDE

“Espoir pur les couers blesses”

Klaus Badelt

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Liturgist	Rev Mark Baldwin, <i>Family Life Director</i>
Music	Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Carl Koehler
Lector	Jay Molter
Usher Team	Matt Dierks
Sound Booth	James Fenske
Altar Guild (September)	Janelle Tonsager

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Sunday, September 5

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Weekly Calendar September 6-11

Monday (9/6)
Labor Day- OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday (9/7)
First Day of Preschool and School
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

Wednesday (9/8)
10am Today's Light Bible Study
3pm MOLC Staff Meeting
2-6pm Communion

Saturday (9/11)
7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (9/12)
(Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Rally Day
9am Divine Worship* †
11am Rally Day Picnic

† Communion offered
* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests
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Laurel Zobel lzobel@molc.us

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, Dorothy Zobel, Jim Bosco, Jan Gauger, Kathryn Hanson, Mount Olive Lutheran School

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Thur. August 26 – 14, Sun. August 29- 54/43

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!

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 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 or the office, 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) 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 12: MOLC School Committee

September 19: Chuck & Marge Bills

September 26: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

September 12: Rally Day

September 19: Open

September 26: 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!

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!

Rally Day: Mark your calendars! This year’s Rally Day will be held on September 12. There will be ONE worship service at 9:00am, followed by fun and games and a picnic lunch. Come join us for a family reunion celebration!

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.

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Steve Nelson

Lector: Judy Adrianson

Usher Team: Chuck Jaskowiak

Stewardship Corner

“For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...”
(James 2:2)

God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

Just a Note

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 or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online molc.us/connect. Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

COVID-19 Assistance: If you are considered “at risk” and would like assistance getting groceries or with other errands, please contact the office. Our food pantry is also available to you during office hours.

Holy Communion: If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm**. Contact the office at office@molc.us or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

Our Staff

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