

† THE HOLY TRINITY † 8:00AM, Sunday, May 30, 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

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we do not so much explain God as confess Him. We testify to Him who has revealed Himself to us. To the mind in search of reasonable answers, God will always be a question or riddle to be solved. But to the empty heart, the Holy Spirit leads us to see with faith the God whose majesty has worked for our salvation and whose mercy has rescued us sinners from sin and the grave. Like Nicodemus of old, we want to know how, yet our Lord gives us not the how, but the who; not the explanation, but the mystery of mercy big enough to save us. We come today confessing with our fathers in faith the Athanasian Creed, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," and rejoicing in the God who is bigger than we are, but who becomes one of us to save us.

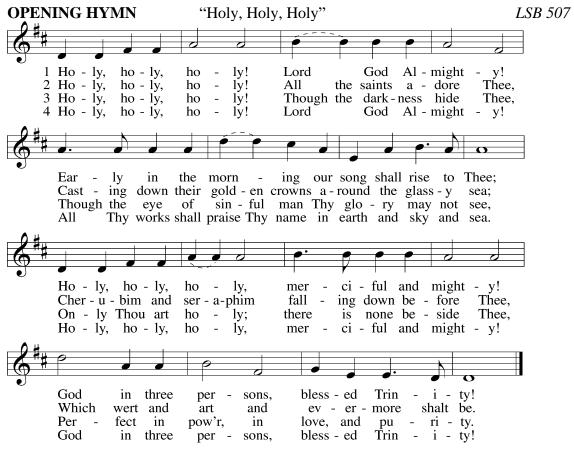
HOLY COMMUNION

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.

PRELUDE

"Lord of All Gentleness"

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

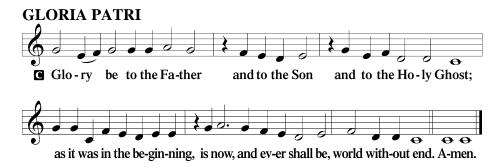
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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

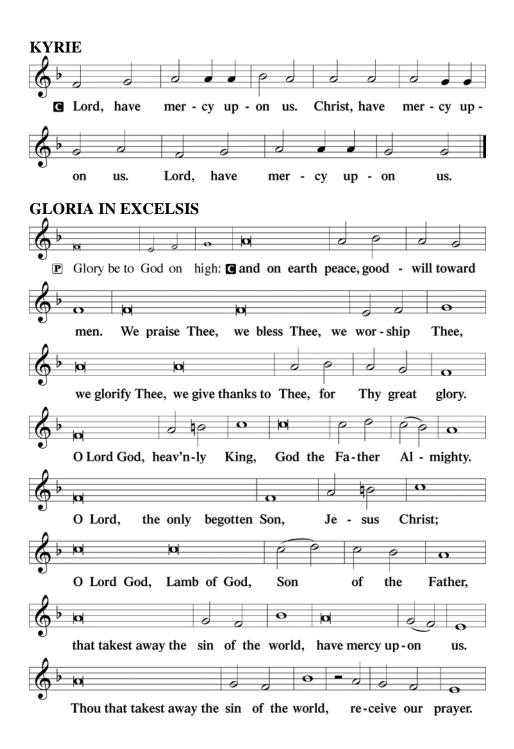
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

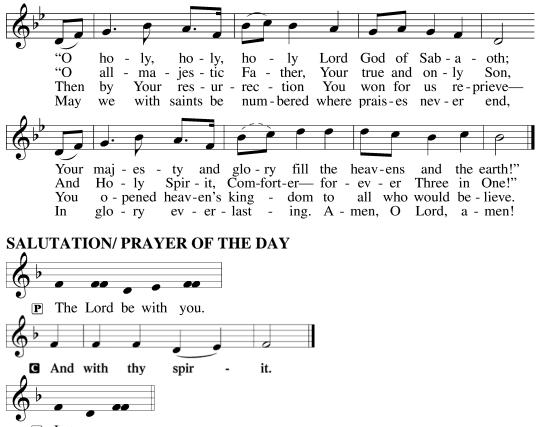


- P Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.* Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.
- C I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;* because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*my flesh also | dwells secure.
- **C** For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,* or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
- P You make known to me the | path of life;* in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.
- 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 Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.* Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.









P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken

away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

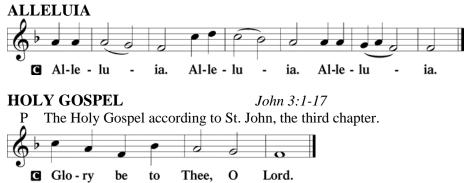
- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ... ²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses, ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.' ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

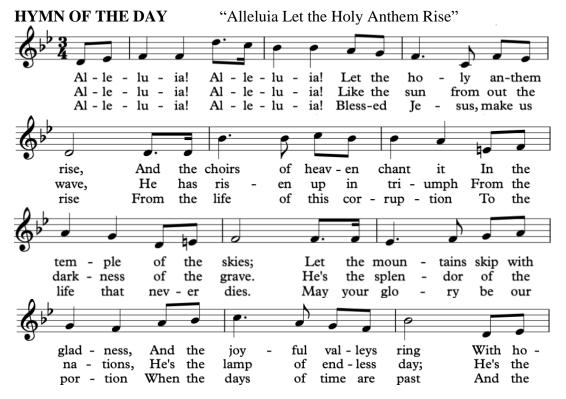


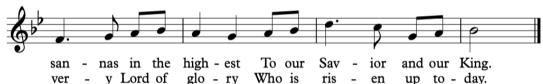
¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How

can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.







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SERMON The Greatest Love Story

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- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally
- P And the catholic faith is this,
- C that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

- C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- P ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

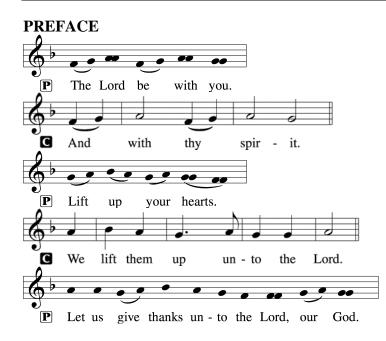
- P Let us go to our triune God in praise and with prayer for ourselves and all people in their various needs and conditions. O worship the King, all-glorious above.
- C Grant strong faith and willing obedience to the Church here and around the globe, heavenly Father. Through Your Word and Sacraments grant the Holy Spirit to move us all to humble praise and adoration.
- P This earth, with its store of wonders untold!
- C Lord God, give good weather and bountiful harvests to all who tend fields and manage livestock, safety and prosperity to all who discover and distribute the resources of this blue marble, and guidance and wisdom to all who protect Your marvelous creation for the good of everyone.
- P Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
- C Lord Jesus, be with all professional and volunteer caregivers, that they tend the sick with loving care and devise beneficial programs for the disadvantaged and forgotten in society, and help medical personnel on all levels to make wise decisions in emergencies.
- P Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,

- C we nevertheless call out to You, triune God, in confident faith, trusting that Your answers are better than our prayers. Assure of Your presence those who are dealing with long-term ills and sudden crises, all who are in social, emotional, or financial distress, and all who are in mourning.
- P We pray especially for those near and dear to us, including . . . Visit, restore, strengthen, and console them that we may rejoice together in Your grace and mercy. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
- C protect all who make, administer, and adjudicate our laws, accompany those who maintain order in society and defend freedom abroad, and surround with faithful caring friends and family those who feel depressed, isolated, or vulnerable. Grant that they see how Your majestic power is surpassed by Your infinite love and grace for all people in time and space.
- P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

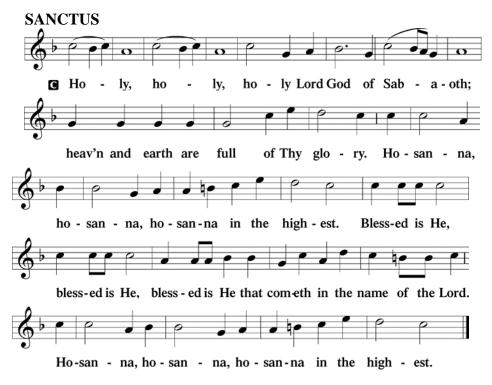
We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977. Offerings can also be placed in the offering plates by the doors.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT





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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

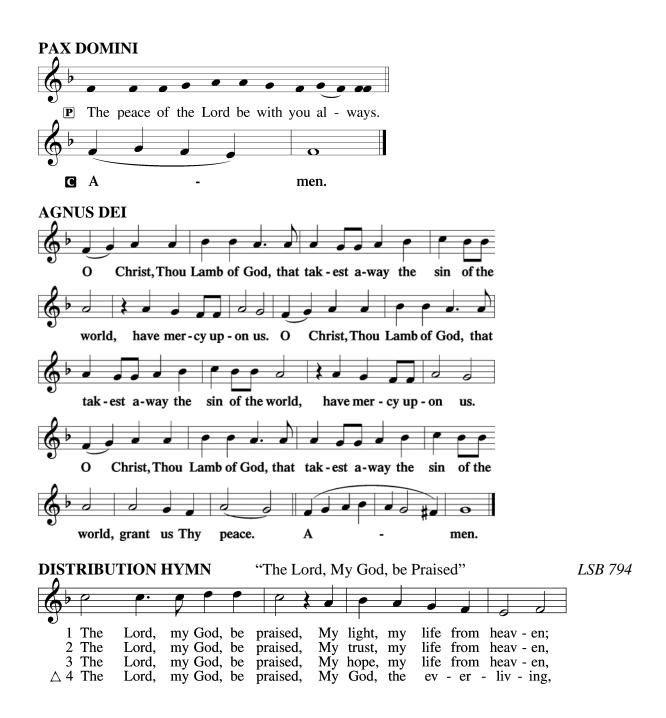


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

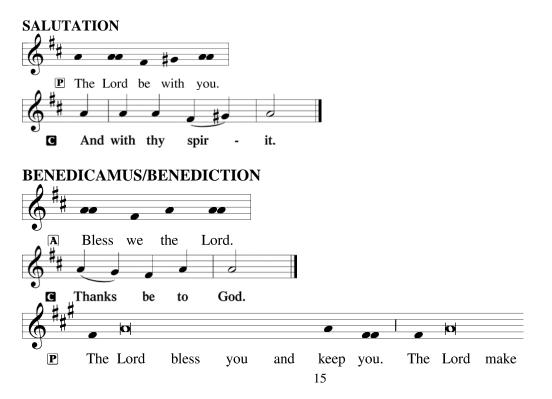
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.







- 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.





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Liturgist	Rev. Mark Baldwin, Family Life Director
Music	Ray Calderon, Director of Music
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Lector	Brian LaRowe
Usher Team	Curt Casanova
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Altar Guild (May)	Gene & Gretchen Cropp

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Sunday, May 30

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Weekly Calendar May 31-June 5

Monday (5/31) Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED) 9am Quilters

Tuesday (6/1) 9am-2pm Communion 5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

Wednesday (6/2) 10am Today's Light Bible Study 1pm MOLC Staff Meeting 2-6pm Communion 6pm Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday (6/3) 6:30pm Summer Worship†

Saturday (6/5) 7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (6/6) (Second 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 <u>lzobel@molc.us</u>

This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, Greg Schwechel, Jenna Krumm, Luke Davison, Chuck Bils, Michelle & Andy Schultz (sister and brother-in-law of Jess Koch), Mount Olive Lutheran School, Andrew and Kristin Zobel, The family of Betty Troia

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun. May 23-86 / 59

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by Steve Nelson in celebration of his mom, Jo's, 90th birthday.

Choo! Choose Jesus!!: VBS would love to have a working train and track to set up in the Narthex June 14-18. Please call Janelle Tonsager (608-438-4978) if you would like to share a train set for the VBS kids to enjoy and "Stay on Track with Jesus".



Please join us on Sunday, June 13th at 3:00 pm for Andrew Zobel's Ordination into the Holy Ministry. Because Mount Olive has been so supportive of Andrew and Kristin during his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, we invite you to join us following the worship service for a reception in the gym. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so that we have an idea of how many members will be in attendance.

VBS Registration: The Board of Education is happy to announce that Vacation Bible School, "Rocky Railway" will be held **June 14-18.** Help us show the children from our congregation and community how Jesus Power Pulls Us Through! You can register online at: <u>https://vbspro.events/p/molc2021</u> or sign up at the Welcome Counter in the narthex. Please contact Kristie Kasbohm at kristiekas@gmail.com or call 608-347-7110 with questions. We are looking for volunteers to serve as co-directors, station leaders (KidVid, Arts & Crafts, Games, Snack and Bible Stories) crew leaders and assistant crew leaders, decorations/set-up committee, mission and donation director, and volunteer/crew coordinator.

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

Jess Koch Installation: Join us next Sunday, June 6th as we welcome Jess Koch to Mount Olive! Jess will be installed as Mount Olive Lutheran School's Principal/Teacher.

Kitchen Reminder: If your group is interested in having coffee for your meeting, but don't to make a full pot, please feel free to use the small 5 cup coffee pot in the kitchen! The coffee pot, filters, and coffee are on the counter over by the toaster oven. (Continued on back inside cover)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Starting in June we are returning to having a coffee hour that is hosted by members of the congregation or church boards. There will be sign-up sheets on the coffee bar from now thru December. You are welcome to bring home-made treats or packaged items whichever you prefer. Thank you for sharing!

Share-a-Thon: The Board of Christian Outreach has made some changes to the upcoming Share-A-Thon. This event will be a service opportunity FOR our Madison neighbors at One City School on July 17th. An announcement will be coming soon on WHEN and WHERE donated items (from our congregation...or friends of members) will be collected! If you can, please begin setting aside the following items:

• Children's clothing (sizes infant to 10-yrs olds)

• Coats for children & adults (all sizes & for all seasons) Additional details about this first-time service event can be found in the TW@MOLC under the Board of Christian Outreach News and in The View!

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

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 highquality Christ-centered education! Questions? Feel free to contact the school committee at <u>schoolcommittee@molconline.org</u>!

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.

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

June 6: Andrea Black June 13: Connie LaRowe June 20: Father's Day June 27: Eunice Gibson July 4: Independence Day July 11: Open July 18: MOLC Staff July 25: Open If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us.

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Stewardship Corner

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6)

In Holy Baptism, we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, and new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense. The total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spiritreborn Christians know that God's math works differently – as we might expect from the Trinity! A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Graduation and Father's Day cards are now featured and new Sympathy, Birthday, and Thinking of You cards have arrived. Come and take a look - we are in the Library, next to the Nursery and all profits go to LWML. Self- serve is working out well - thanks!

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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