



† **THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR** †
10:30AM, Sunday, November 22 , 2020

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are honored to have you in worship with us today and pray God’s blessings on your worship. If this is your first visit to Mount Olive, we hope your worship with us is a blessing and you find friendship and peace in this place. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that Mount Olive is taking all necessary precautions sanitizing our worship space, assuring social distancing, and safely preparing the sacrament. We hope to see you again and are happy to help in any way if you do not currently have a church home or are looking for one. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. We thank you for silencing your cell phones as you enter the sanctuary today.



AS WE GATHER

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ’s roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: “We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.” We are God’s chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us by joining in confessing our faith in Christ and His real presence in the Sacrament. We affirm the presence in the Sacrament of Christ’s true body and blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins.” During this time of precautions, we will utilize a communion practice called “continuous communion” in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“You Are My All In All”

Jernigan

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 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

C **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!

C **For the Lord is a great God.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

C **For He is our God,**

P and we are the people of His pasture,

C **and the sheep of His hand.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Indeed, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people. He has led us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there have been times when we have treated our fellow sheep with disdain, when we have wandered away from our Shepherd. But our Good Shepherd does not abandon us, and we confess our sins before Him and one another. Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we have wandered away from You. We confess that we have acted shamefully toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might follow You to the green pastures and still waters of everlasting life.**

P Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus searches for each one of His sheep. He brings back those who have strayed. He binds up the injured. He even lays down His life for the sheep. By Christ's death and resurrection, God 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. We are forgiven. We are restored in Jesus.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12; antiphon v. 2 Peter 3:13 (NIV)

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C **O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**

P Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

C **Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

SONG OF THE DAY

“Revelation Song”

Riddle

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . . ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign

until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty fifth chapter.

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

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Whatsoever You Do”

Jabusch

SERMON *Finals Week*

NICENE CREED

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 all people around the world, for the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves in our daily living as God's people. To our eyes, heavenly Father, arrogant and evil people get rewarded in this fallen world at the expense of those who would try to remain true to Your will and rule in their lives. Hear the cries of those who call to You for justice, human rights, and dignity. Grant them an increase of faith and hope as they long to see Your gracious plans come to fruition.
- C Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**
- P** At times it is difficult, O Holy Spirit, to recognize the growth of the Church, either in numbers or in steadfast faith. Where the Church has been part of society for ages, church buildings are put to other uses and attendance is sparse at worship services. Hear the prayers rising to You from Your Church, and by Your Word cause those who do not know You to come to saving faith. Assure them that the Lord of hosts is with them.
- C Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord over all, the world's increasingly violent weather puts travelers on land, sea, and air at risk; it calls into question each season's harvest and raises the specter of famine. Wherever people are anxious about food, clothing, or shelter, and whenever they must seek help for ills of any kind, be their refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. We include those near and dear to us . . . Visit, relieve, console, and strengthen them as fits Your gracious plans.
- C Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, without Your aid, faith can grow cold, questions about Your love and mercy can arise, and the problems in front of our eyes can seem more real than Your abiding presence. O image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, renew strong faith and urgent love in us and all Your brothers and sisters in the faith so that we each hear for ourselves the clear promise of paradise You announced from the throne of the cross.
- C Remember us, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**
- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.**

OFFERING

We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for You care for us and feed us as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We bless You for claiming us as Your own and ask that we may firmly take to heart the words with which we are assured of our forgiveness. May we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation He purchased for us as we await His coming again in glory. Graciously gather us together, receive our prayers and petitions, and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Winkworth

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“God of Wonders”

Byrd

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Sunday, November 22

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Weekly Calendar

November 23-28

Tuesday (11/24)

9am-2pm Communion
7pm Thanksgiving Service
7:45pm Prayer, Praise and Pie

Wednesday (11/25)

2pm-6pm Communion

Thursday (11/26)

Thanksgiving- OFFICE CLOSED

Friday (11/27)

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday (11/29)

8am Divine Worship* †
10:30am Divine Worship* †
11:30am-1pm Communion

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Bob Troia,, Duane Neitzel, The family of Mike Peterson, The family of Paul Kolberg

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun, November 15 - 51/28

Bible Reading Challenge: Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: **November 23:** 1 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 10-12 **November 24:** 1 Kings 15:1-24, 2 Chronicles 13-14 **November 25:** 2 Chronicles 15-16, 1 Kings 15:25-34 **November 26:** 1 Kings 16-18, 2 Chronicles 17 **November 27:** 1 Kings 19-21 **November 28:** 1 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 18-19 **November 29:** 2 Chronicles 20-23, **November 30:** Obadiah, Psalm 82-83. A list of the November readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

December Voters' Meeting: A Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday December 13th** to approve the 2021 budget and provide updates from boards and committees. Due to current Dane County restrictions, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Board and committee reports will be available for review prior to the meeting. Copies of the 2021 budget will be available beginning Sunday November 29th.

Prayer, Praise, and Pie: Due to current Dane County restrictions, Prayer, Praise and Pie will look a little different this year. Unfortunately, indoor gatherings have been prohibited. We are still planning on having individually wrapped pies, or pastires for everyone to take home as they leave. Join us after church on Tuesday the 24th!

Sound Booth Volunteers: We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the sound booth during both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. If you are interested, please let the office know!

A Man Named Martin: Join us during education hour as we study the life of Martin Luther. Part 2 of "A Man Named Martin" continues today via Zoom! Missed a session or want to look ahead? Part 1 and part 2 materials will be available on Mount Olive's website!

www.molc.us/bible-study

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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.

SCRIP orders - plan ahead for your gift giving which may include gift cards. Order them through SCRIP and MOLC gets a rebate! When an order is placed on a Monday, they are usually delivered the following Wednesday (the physical cards can be picked up at Mt. Olive, reloadable cards also available, and some print-at-home cards) so a quick turnaround. You may fill out a form at the Welcome center and put it in the SCRIP mail slot, or order online. I can help you set up your family account - so easy to do all online. Checks are made payable to Mt. Olive or you can also use PushPay. Check out the SCRIP website or contact Connie LaRowe (836-1635) Orders will be placed Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14. <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>

Thank you from Kathryn Hanson: Thank you to all the members of Mount Olive who have been praying for me, and who have sent cards of encouragement. Your prayers lift me up and give me great encouragement during this difficult time. I am halfway done with chemo, and then will have one month of radiation. I am so thankful to God for my church and friends, and especially for His mercy and Grace. God's blessing to all of you.

Caret Baby Bottle Campaign: This year's baby bottle campaign will run during the month of November. Grab a bottle from the Welcome Center! As you fill it with loose change, cash, or checks, you help provide life affirming resources to women and men facing unintended pregnancies through the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center. Contact Connie LaRowe connielarowe@gmail.com or Carol White carolindawhite44@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

Stewardship Corner

“... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” (Matthew 25:4)

Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

Just a Note

Card Shop: Bless those near and far with Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Nice selection now on display, plus all occasion greeting cards for wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy, and much more. Continue to self-serve when you visit the Card Shop located in the Library. Individual cards are 75 cents each. Thank you for supporting the missions at LWML with your purchases.

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!

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