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† **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY** †  
**10:30AM, Sunday, January 17, 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**

Today we consider the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. How we live and interact with others is important, for we are representing the Holy Spirit. How we act when we are alone is important, for the Spirit is always present with us, and He has no desire to take part in sin of any kind. As we reflect, we remember the glorious news that we were bought with a price—the blood of Jesus, which forgives all our sins and removes all our shame. For that we are most thankful!

**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.

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**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**

"We Are Called"

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C **Amen.**

P O Lord, You have searched and known us.

C **You discern our thoughts from afar.**

P Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

C **Or where shall we flee from Your presence?**

P If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

C **If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!**

P Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

C **We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. 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 in Christ. Our shame is removed.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT

*Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon v. 10a, b*

P I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

C **I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

P He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

C **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

P Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

- C You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**
- 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.**
- P I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

## SONG OF PRAISE

“I Will Follow”

*Tomlin*

## SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

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

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

<sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 1:43-51*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Schutte*

## **SERMON**

*Shattering the Silence*

## **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 the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Holy Spirit, from sin and sorrow set us free;
- C **may we Your living temples be.**
- P Spirit, inspire all people as they serve in their vocations. Grant them creativity, wisdom, discernment, and courage to follow where You lead. From sin and sorrow set us free;
- C **may we Your living temples be.**
- P Spirit, You are the Comforter sent from heaven. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, especially . . . Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal peace and life with Jesus. From sin and sorrow set us free;
- C **may we Your living temples be.**
- P Spirit, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage, lead them to get the help they need, and remind them that You dwell within them. From sin and sorrow set us free;
- C **may we Your living temples be.**
- P Spirit, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they plant and water the good seeds of the Gospel. We humbly ask You to provide growth where and when You will. From sin and sorrow set us free;
- C **may we Your living temples be.**
- P Spirit, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially . . . Have mercy upon them, and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. From sin and sorrow set us free;
- C **may we Your living temples be.**
- P Spirit, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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

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## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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## **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, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **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**

“Here’s My Heart Lord”

*Crowder*

### **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.**

### **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**

“Mighty to Save”

*Fielding & Morgan*

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**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS:** Flowers this morning are given by Paul Skidmore and Pat Middleton.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Preacher	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Family Life Director</i>
Liturgist	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Steve Nelson
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Altar Guild (January)	Doris Smith

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Sunday, January 17

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## Weekly Calendar

January 18-23

### Monday (1/18)

6pm Executive Committee Meeting  
7pm PPC Meeting

### Tuesday (1/19)

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

### Wednesday (1/20)

10am Today's Light Bible Study  
2pm-6pm Communion  
5:30pm LOGOS  
6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

### Saturday (1/23)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

### Sunday (1/24)

8am Divine Worship\* †  
9:30am Education Hour  
10:30am Divine Worship\* †  
11:30am-1pm Communion

† Communion offered

\* Available on Facebook Live also

### Prayer Requests

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## This Week's Prayers

**We Pray for . . .** Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Bob Troia, Eunice Gibson, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, the family of Robert Radtke, the family of Joan Weber

## This Week's News

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun, January 10– 44/40

**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: **January 18:** Jeremiah 11-14, **January 19:** Jeremiah 15-17, **January 20:** Jeremiah 18-20, **January 21:** Jeremiah 21-24, **January 22:** Jeremiah 25-27, **January 23:** Jeremiah 28-30, **January 14:** Jeremiah 31-34. A list of the January readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

**Preschool Registration For Fall 2021:** Registration for members of Mount Olive, as well as current and alumni preschool families is now underway. Please see Laurel for a preschool packet or pick one up at the Welcome Center. Families who wish to have this priority must have their paperwork/registration fee turned in by February 1st. Registration opens to the public after February 1st and will then be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you know of anyone interested in receiving information or setting up a time to visit our facility, please have them call the office at 238-5656 or email Laurel at [lzobel@molc.us](mailto:lzobel@molc.us). We look forward in serving more families as we share the love of Jesus with His precious little lambs.

**Amazon Smile:** Mount Olive is on Amazon Smile! For every purchase made on amazon.com, Mount Olive will receive 0.5% of your purchase price as a donation. To get signed up and for more information please visit: [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Type in "Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church" to select Mount Olive as your charitable organization of choice!

**Kitchen Use:** If you are using dishes from the kitchen, please make sure the dishes are being washed after use. Thank you for doing your part to keep the kitchen clean!

**Bach & Brass:** The next installment of Mount Olive's concert Series, "Bach and Brass" will be THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00pm!

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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.

**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.

**Giving Tree for Mount Olive Lutheran School...**are you ready to help get our first Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom ready for this fall? If so, please check out the Giving Tree in the Narthex or visit the wishlist on Amazon at

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/354N6eu?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/354N6eu?ref=wl_share)

- **Select an apple from the tree with either a specified item or one that you can indicate the amount you would like to donate.**
- **Include your name and address on the back of the apple.**
- **Attach cash or a check payable to Mount Olive to the apple. (Paper clips are on the table).**
- **Place in Luke's box in the workroom.**
- **Luke will order any items that are taken from the Giving tree through Amazon Smile for free shipping. Mount Olive will also receive a percentage of the order through this fundraising offer.**
- **If you are not able to select an item from the tree directly, you can either order the item from Amazon, or email/call Luke with the item you'd like to donate. You can then send in a check to church, but please specify that this is a donation to the school.**
- **Check back often as Jess, our new teacher/administrator will add items as the year progresses.**

(For more information about Amazon Smile and how you can support Mount Olive through your personal orders on Amazon, contact Luke or see the blurb in the bulletin).

**If you have any questions about the Giving Tree, please contact Laurel or Luke at 608-238-5656.**

## Stewardship Corner

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“You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19b-20)

God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

## Just a Note

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**Card Shop:** While the COVID restrictions continue, please visit the Card Shop and "self-serve" as you have been doing. The Christmas cards will be put away and the Valentine cards will be brought out next. We will give you the totals given to Women's Missionary League in the February view. Thank you for all your support in 2020. Sending Christian greeting cards to friends and loved ones has been especially appreciated during these "stay at home" times and we will continue to offer a good assortment of birthday, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, anniversary, wedding cards, and more, still at the price of 75 cents each.

**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!

**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](mailto: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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