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## † THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

**8:00AM, Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING TWO, LSB pg. 167**

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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**

There is a war going on. It is quite evident in the outward conflicts within society. And, as Jeremiah and David realized, the world has warred against people of faith throughout history. But in today's Epistle, James reveals that the struggle continues within each of us. Our passions are often opposed to God. Our Lord Jesus, by His death and resurrection, has won the victory—and therefore, peace—over outward and inward warfare. His grace assures us of daily and eternal peace.

### **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.

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**PRELUDE**

"Andante religioso Op. 5"

*H. Deshayes*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**LSB 809**



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### INVOCATION

*LSB pg 167*

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

C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*LSB pg 167*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalms 37:5-7; antiphon: v.4*



P Delight yourself | in the LORD,\* and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

C **Commit your way | to the LORD;\* trust in him, and | he will act.**

P He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\* and your justice as the | noonday.

C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\* fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!**

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.**

### KYRIE

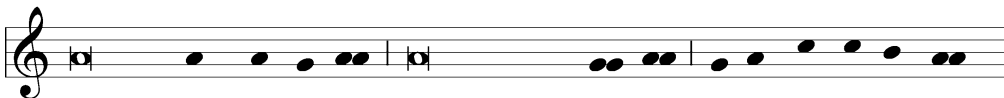
*LSB pg 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



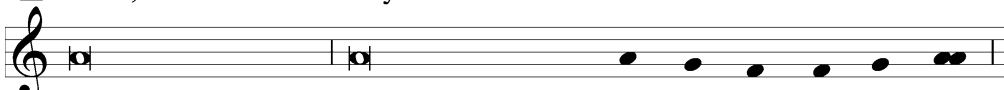
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



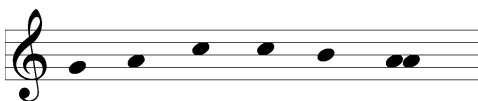
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



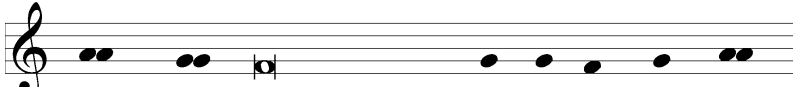
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**G** A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB pg 171



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

*LSB pg 172*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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

*Jeremiah 11:18-20*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*James 3:13-4:10*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. <sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB pg 173*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 9:30-37*

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

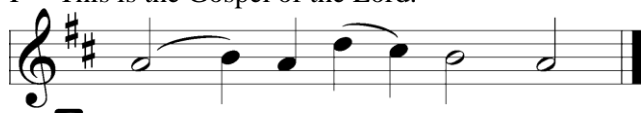
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum.

And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

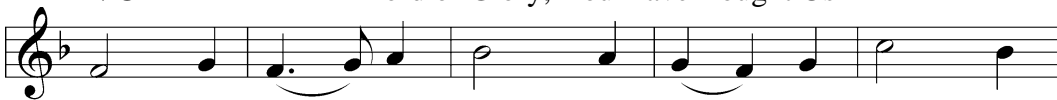
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

*LSB 851*



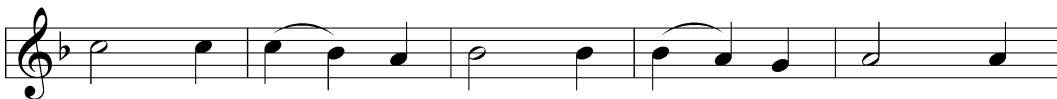
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

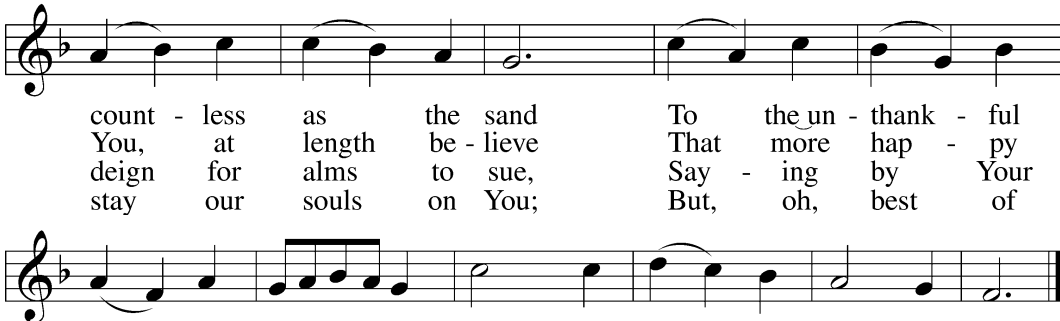


lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to





count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

## SERMON *Being First By Being Last*

### APOSTLES' CREED

*LSB pg 175*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. For all people who suffer feeling unseen and unheard, that they come to trust that they are loved and held by grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all people who suffer under the weight of their desires, that they take courage to let go of fear, fanning into flame the gift of faith and growing in power and love and self-control, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all people who have heard the good news of forgiveness by grace, through faith, for Jesus' sake, but struggle to forgive themselves or other people who have hurt them, that they free themselves by letting go of resentments of every kind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**

- P For all people who are sick or suffer with any affliction of body, mind, or spirit especially... that they experience healing when cures remain elusive, peace when overwhelmed by trials, and joy in the midst of sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all people to whom death draws near, that they face the end of their time on this earth in the faith that all things are being made new, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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

### PREFACE

*LSB pg 177*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so 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.

P It is truly good, 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

*LSB pg 178*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather

us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*LSB pg 179*

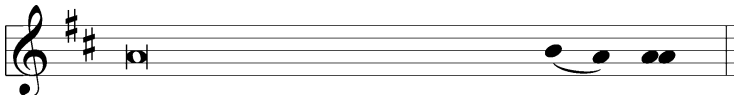
### LORD'S PRAYER

*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

*LSB pg 180*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI

*LSB pg 180*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of




God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

## **“The Lamb”**

*LSB 547*




1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

# **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*LSB pg 181*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what

He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises  
 and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*LSB pg 183*

- 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

*LSB pg 183*

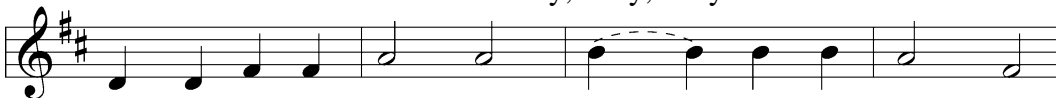
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## POSTLUDE

### “Improvisation on Nicea”

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## **Weekly Calendar** **September 20-25**

**Monday (9/20)**

**View Articles Due**

9am Quilters

10am Book Club

6pm Executive Committee Meeting

7pm PPC Meeting

**Tuesday (9/21)**

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

5:45pm Fellowship Board Meeting

**Wednesday (9/22)**

10am Today's Light Bible Study

2-6pm Communion

3pm MOLC Staff Meeting

**Saturday (9/25)**

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

**Sunday (9/26)**

(Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

8am Divine Worship\* †

9am Fellowship Hour

9:30am Education Hour

10:30am Divine Worship\* †

† Communion offered

\* Available on Facebook Live also

## **Prayer Requests**

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## **This Week's Prayers**

**We Pray for . . .** Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Greg Schwechel, Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister), Mike Stollenwork, Jim Bosco, Jan Gauger, Kathryn Hanson, Sheila Nygaard, Marci Baldwin, Karen (Judy's Adrianson's Nephew's Wife), The family of John Jorda,n Mount Olive Lutheran School and Preschool

## **This Week's News**

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun. September 12- 123

**Altar Flowers Sponsors:** Flowers this morning are given by Chuck and Marge Bils in celebration of Chuck's 80th birthday.

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Gary & Peggy Rainbow

**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](mailto:jkoch@molconline.org) or the church office, [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us)!

**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](mailto:davenjeanne@tds.net) or the office, [office@molc.us](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**Prayer List:** Once being put on the prayer list in the weekly announcements, all names will stay on it for 3 weeks. If you/loved one would like to remain on the list after 3 weeks, just let the office know and we will renew the request for another 3 weeks. As always, please update us with any news on your prayer request.

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**Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Collection:** The Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Community Impact Team is collecting donations of travel-sized toiletries for Porchlight, a nonprofit organization for homeless folks in Dane County. Hygiene Supplies in need are: *toothbrushes, travel-size shampoo, conditioner, 2-in-1, lotion & soap/body wash, disposable razors & shaving cream, deodorant, Band-Aids.* There is a donation bin located in the Narthex.

#### **Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:**

September 26: Open  
October 3: Open  
October 10: Open  
October 17: Open  
October 24: Open  
October 31: Open

#### **Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:**

September 26: Open  
October 3: Open  
October 10: MOLC Fellowship Board  
October 17: Open  
October 24: Open  
October 31: Open

**Mission Haiti Update:** Due to the Covid pandemic, the ongoing state of political unrest, and most recently, a very severe earthquake in Haiti, Mission:Haiti asks for your prayers as they plan for the future, and for your financial support, so that the Good News of the Gospel can impact many lives and bring hope and a future to the people of Haiti. Contributions can be made via PayPal at [www.missionhaiti99.org/donate](http://www.missionhaiti99.org/donate) or by check sent to: Mission:Haiti, 3850 S. University Drive #290171, Davie, FL 33329. Mission:Haiti is a 501 (c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible for IRS purposes.

**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](http://redcrossblood.org). Enter sponsor code: MtOliveMadison. Walk-in's are also welcome! You will be eligible for promotional items by donating blood! Thank you!

**Red Letter Challenge:** Stay tuned for more information on our small group study starting in October, "The 40-day 'Red Letter Challenge'!"

#### **Serving Next Week:**

Elder: Steve Nelson  
Lectors: Eunice Gibson / Kristi Mulcahey  
Usher Teams: Chuck Jaskowiak / Chuck Jaskowiak

## **Stewardship Corner**

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"But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.'" (Mark 9:32)

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves. We are misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again. The disciples did not expect a suffering Christ. So when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

### **Just a Note**

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**Card Shop:** New birthday and sympathy cards are featured on shelves to right of desk. We are located in the Library and all profits support the missions of Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Self-service is working out well. Thanks for your patronage.

**Altar Flowers:** If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at [altarflowers@molc.us](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us) or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online [molc.us/connect](http://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](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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Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Mark Baldwin, *Family Life Director*  
Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*  
Laurel Zobel, *Preschool Director*  
Jess Koch, *MOLS Principal*  
Luke Frauenhoff, *Office Manager*