

† THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST † 8:00AM, Sunday, July 11, 2021

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WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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

AS WE GATHER

In today's Old Testament Reading, the prophet Amos, though previously a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs, must speak, for the Lord has called him. His word of judgment is only part of the message; in other places, he calls people to choose the Lord and live and also announces a great reversal. It is dangerous being a prophet, as John the Baptist learned in the Holy Gospel. But we know the end of the story: before creation, we were destined to salvation, as we read in the Epistle. Whatever we face, our faith tells us to listen to what the Lord has to say before paying attention to any other voice. "He will speak peace to His people" (Psalm 85:8).

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." We will utilize a communion practice in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

PRELUDE "Ave Verum" Edward Elgar

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.

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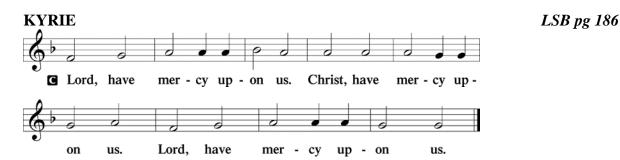
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

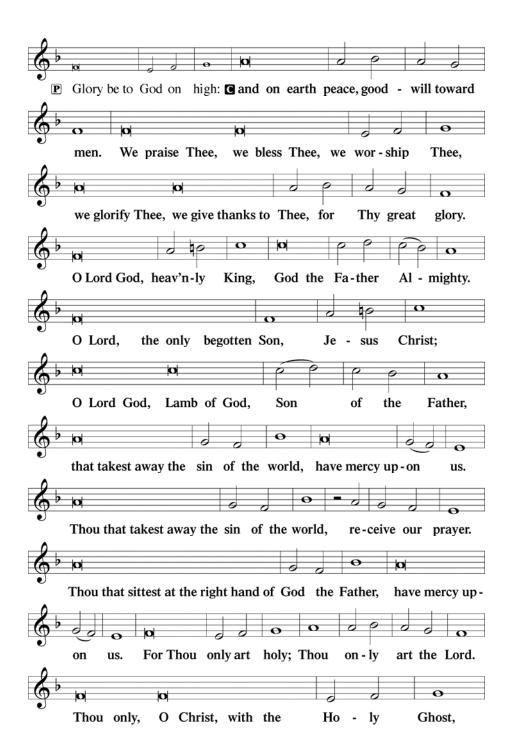
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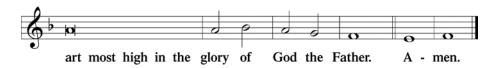
Psalm 143: 1-2; antiphon: v. 11

- P For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!* In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
- C Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!* In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
- P Enter not into judgment with your | servant,* for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
- C Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,* for in | you I trust.
- 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 For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!* In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READINGAmos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as

sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

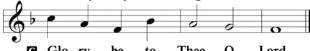
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HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

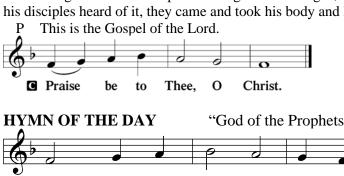
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

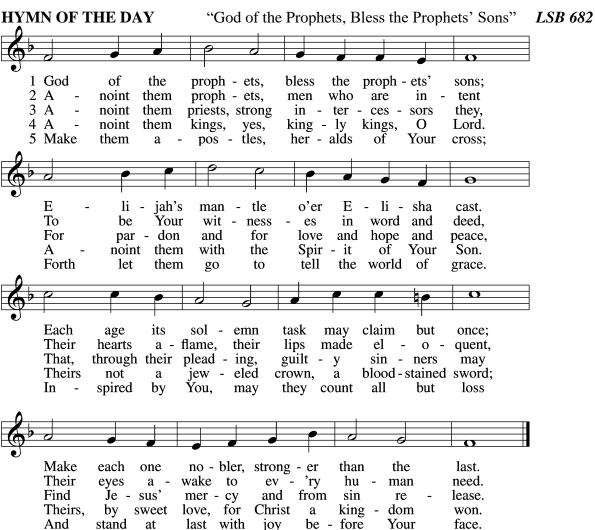


G Glo-rv Thee, 0 be to Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said. "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised," ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison

²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.





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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs. Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere. Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world. Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, *including*... Give them the healing, comfort, and hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

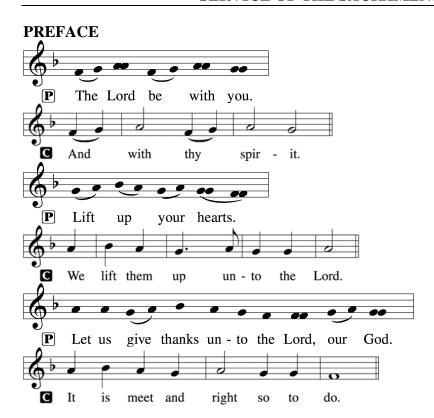
- P You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past. Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, 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

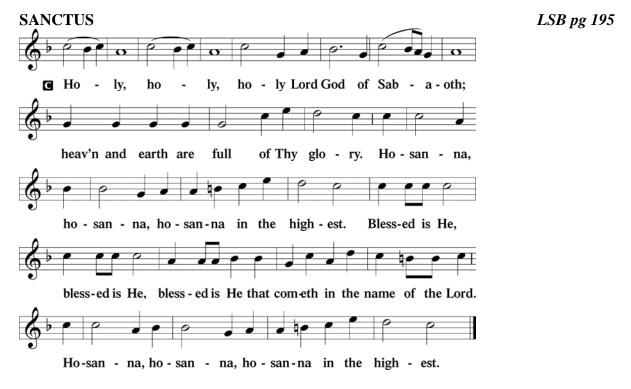
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P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from

eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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

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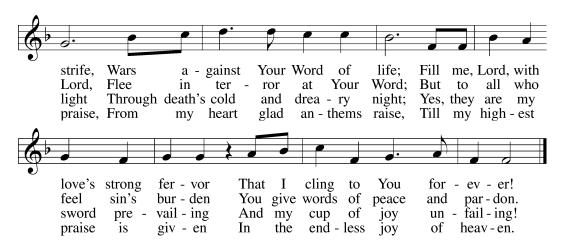
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.







Let each prom-ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in-ward Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard-ened sin-ners, On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your

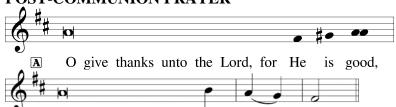








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and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



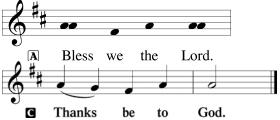


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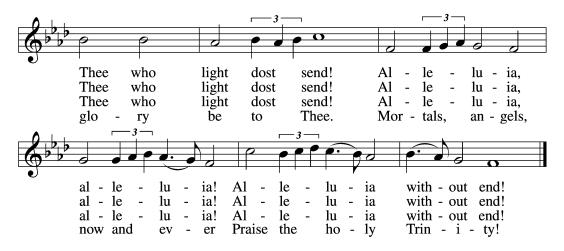
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POSTLUDE "Trio" Jacques Boyvin

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Preacher Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*Music Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*

Elder Stuart Sliter
Lector Jay Molter
Usher Team Matt Dierks
Sound Booth James Fenske
Altar Guild (July) Julie Nelson





Sunday, July 11

Office Hours: 9am-3pm (M-F) office@molc.us (608) 238-5656 Emergencies: (608) 228-4134 (Pastor)

Weekly Calendar

July 12-17

Monday (7/12)

9am Quilters 10am Book Club 6pm Board of Elders Meeting

Tuesday (7/13)

9am-2pm Communion 5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

Wednesday (7/14)

10am Today's Light Bible Study 1pm MOLC Staff Meeting 2-6pm Communion

Thursday (7/15) 6:30pm Summer Worship†

Saturday (7/17)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (7/18)

(Eighth 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 & Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, Greg Schwechel, Chuck Bils, Michelle & Andy Schultz (sister and brother-in-law of Jess Koch), Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister, Mike Stollenwork, Dorothy Zobel, The family of David Wade, Mount Olive Lutheran School

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Thur. July 1-20 Sun. July 4-44/60

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by Mike and Karen Stolen in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary.

Mount Olive Lutheran School Fall Registration: Mount Olive Lutheran School is now enrolling Kindergarten through 2nd grade for the 2021/2022 school year! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the office at office@molc.us!

VBS Director and Sunday School Superintendent Positions: There are two positions available in which YOU can help guide our youth's Christian education. Please see Luke in the office or email church_office@molconline.org for position descriptions or email Board of Christian Education Director, Kristie Kasbohm, at kristiekas@gmail.com with questions.

Greeters Needed: We our 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 if interested.

New Bible Study: Starting this week, Steve Nelson will be leading a new Bible Study in the fireplace room during education hour. We will be studying "Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus: How a Jewish Perspective Can Transform Your Understanding" by Lois Tverberg.

What would it be like for modern readers to sit down beside Jesus as he explained the Bible to them? What life-changing insights might emerge from such a transformative encounter? Lois Tverberg knows the treasures that await readers willing to learn how to read the Bible through Jewish eyes. By helping them understand the Bible as Jesus and his first-century listeners would have, she bridges the gaps of time and culture in order to open the Bible to readers today. Combining careful research with engaging prose, Tverberg leads us on a journey back in time to shed light on how this Middle Eastern people approached life, God, and each other. She explains age-old imagery that we often misinterpret, allowing us to approach God and the stories and teachings of Scripture with new eyes. By helping readers grasp the perspective of its original audience, she equips them to read the Bible in ways that will enrich their lives and deepen their understanding.

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The 2nd Annual Mt. Olive Lutheran School Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, **August 7, 2021 with a 1:00 pm Shotgun Start** at The Meadows of Six Mile Creek in Waunakee, Wisconsin. The cost is \$100/person -- \$400/foursome which includes 18 holes of golf/cart/dinner/sleeve

of golf balls/prizes/fellowship. Registration forms are available on the Information Table by the Church Office. Registrations must be in by Sunday, July 25, 2021. If you are not a golfer but would like to support the golf outing and our school, here are a few ways you may do that: Volunteer the day of the event – You, Your Family, or Your Company may sponsor a hole for \$100/hole – You may share a monetary donation to "Mt. Olive Lutheran School." If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark, Mike Frazier, or John Mulcahey.

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

July 18: MOLC Staff

July 25: Fred & Lois Buelow

August 1: Pastor Mark & Marci Baldwin

August 8: Open

August 15: Church Picnic

August 22: Open August 29: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

July 18: MOLC Staff

July 25: Krals

August 1: Open

August 8: Open

August 15: Church Picnic

August 22: Open August 29: Open

Sunday Bulletins/Recordings: If you or someone you know is "shut in" and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

Mount Olive Lutheran School Scholarship: If you are looking for a way to support Mount Olive Lutheran School the "Defending the Faith Scholarship" is looking for mission partners to help provide a high-quality Christ-centered education! Questions? Feel free to contact the school committee at schoolcommittee@molconline.org!

Book Club: Book Club will meet on Monday the 12th to discuss "Thursday Murder Club", by Richard Osman. In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing 80, but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case. As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?

Stewardship Corner

"And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb line.' Then the Lord said, 'Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.'" (Amos 7:8)

In the book of Amos the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Graduation cards are featured and a good supply of Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy cards also available. How about a Thinking of You card to friends and family who have been isolated during Covid confinements? Please continue to self-serve. All profits go to LWML.

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

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