



† THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

10:30AM, Sunday, July 4, 2021

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, our nation celebrates its place as the land of the free and the home of the brave. At times, this reality causes us to thump our chest to let the world know how great we are. The apostle Paul, too, could claim his place among the greats. Paul was “circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ” (Philippians 3:5–7). Yet, he was not mightier than the thorn. As Paul followed Jesus, he was plagued by a thorn in the flesh to keep him from becoming conceited. He asked God to take it away, and God said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). So, too, God's grace is sufficient for us no matter where this life takes us, because when we are weak, then we are strong.

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

“God of Our Fathers”

BAPTISM OF JOSHUA ROBERT TROIA JR

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- 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 Your people, O God, were a rebellious people in Ezekiel’s day.
- C **We, too, have rebelled against Your good and gracious will. We have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and action. Forgive us and open our ears to Your promises.**
- P In great love, God sends His word of mercy and forgiveness. Now He uses Word and Sacrament and one another to assure us of the grace that is readily available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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

Psalm 132:13-16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8

- P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!
- C **For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:**
- P “This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- C **I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.**
- P Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.”
- 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 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

SONG OF PRAISE

“America the Beautiful”

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.
- C **Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures;**
- P through Your Son, 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 2:1-5

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

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

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

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about

among the villages teaching. ⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Revelation Song”

SERMON *God’s Word to a Rebellious People*

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances. For peace and harmony between nations,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For new insights into the workings of God’s good creation,

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- P For answers to the prayers of . . . *and* all who call to God for healing, comfort, or any other need,
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P For these and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, that You would grant them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
- C **Lord, hear our prayer. 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

- 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, 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

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

“God Bless Our Native Land”

LSB 965

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“America”

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Carl Koehler
Lector	Brian LaRowe
Usher Team	Chuck Jaskowiak

Sound Booth
Altar Guild (July)

James Fenske
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Sunday, July 4

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Weekly Calendar

July 5-10

Monday (7/5)
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday (7/6)
9am-2pm Communion
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

Wednesday (7/7)
10am Today's Light Bible Study
1pm MOLC Staff Meeting
2-6pm Communion

Thursday (7/8)
6:30pm Summer Worship†

Saturday (7/10)
7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (7/11)
(Seventh 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

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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, Greg Schwechel, Chuck Bills, Michelle & Andy Schultz (sister and brother-in-law of Jess Koch), Lois Polzin (Eunice Gibson's sister, Mike Stollenwork, The family of David Wade, Mount Olive Lutheran School

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Thur. June 24- 13 Sun. June 27- 57/ 60

Today at the 10:30 service we welcome Joshua Robert Troia Jr into the family of Christ through the Waters of Holy Baptism!

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are in celebration of Independence Day!

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.

Mount Olive Polos: Mount Olive polos are back! A green polo is now available! All shirts will have the MOLC logo printed on them. Order forms are available at the welcome center or contact Mary Strohm, mstrohm29@gmail.com. Order forms are due by Tuesday July 6!

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 if interested.

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!

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

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.

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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 11: Mike & Karen Stolen
 July 18: MOLC Staff
 July 25: Open
 August 1: Open
 August 8: Open
 August 15: Church Picnic
 August 22: Open
 August 29: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

July 11: Mike & Karen Stolen
 July 18: MOLC Staff
 July 25: Krals
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New Bible Study: Starting next week, July 11, 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.*

Stewardship Corner

“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it’s hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing, but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.

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*
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