

February 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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**The arms of our loving God are open wide to receive you,
for this time of worship and forever. Welcome!**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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The appointed Psalm for this day in the life of the Church is the first eight verses of the longest chapter in the Bible—Psalm 119. Set in the original Hebrew as an acrostic poem, where the first word of the first section begins with the first letter of the alphabet (Aleph) and each of the following sections uses the next letter in order (Beth, Gimel, etc.). The careful structure of this Psalm and all of our worship underscores the importance of what we are about as we gather in Christ’s name. God is here among us, sharing His goodness and mercy. And, to borrow the words of the psalmist, “blessed are those . . . who seek Him with their whole heart” (*Psalm 119:2*).

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 3:16; Ps. 23:6*)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Tit. 3:4-5; Deut. 30:19-20; 1 Cor. 6:19*)

"When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy." Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to exhibit goodness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not always chosen life, loving the Lord our God, obeyed His voice, and held fast to Him. We have not always sought to be reconciled to our brothers. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

"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, for you were bought with a price." 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Green 523

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

Congregation: Refrain

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the refrain. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The final note of the third staff is a double bar line.

Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

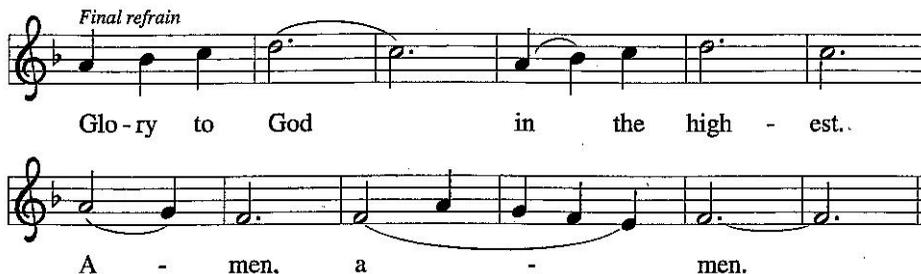
Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Congregation: Refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Choose life!

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow

down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” (NRSV)

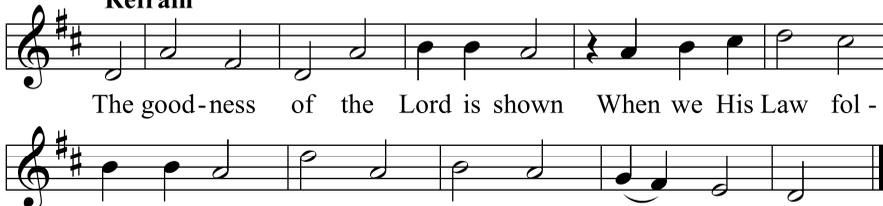
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM HYMN (*Psalm 119:1-8*)

Congregation: Refrain

Refrain



The good-ness of the Lord is shown When we His Law fol -
low a-lone. Through us may good - ness be known.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in His ways!

Congregation: Refrain

You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping Your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments. I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your righteous rules. I will keep Your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

Congregation: Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

God gives the growth.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

G O S P E L A C C L A M A T I O N

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first two staves are in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third staff is in bass clef and contains the accompaniment for the third line: "Al - le - lu - ia!". The word "Al" is written below the first measure, "le" below the second, "lu" below the third, and "ia!" below the fourth. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the third staff. A circled asterisk (*) is placed above the third measure of the third staff. The word "D.C. al Fine" is written at the end of the third staff.

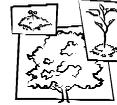
Cantor: You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill can- | not be hid.

(*Matt. 5:14*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Sin is not just outward actions, but originates in the heart.



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

Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.” “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.” “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.” “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

Of The Heart

Matthew 5:21-37

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Green 90

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word;
Grace to imitate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee At thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

A P O S T L E S ' C R E E D

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On
the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Choir

text by Rosamond E. Herklots, alt., music by Nancy M. Raabe

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray;

But you alone can grant us peace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;

How trifling other's debts to us; how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;

Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S 173

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup . . . the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those . . . almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

I N V I T A T I O N

Come to the banquet. Be filled with light and life.

Amen.

Sit

D I S T R I B U T I O N

If you believe that those who commune receive in, with, and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

D I S T R I B U T I O N M U S I C

S 174

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.

Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

st. 1 - cantor

1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,

For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;
 That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,

For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,
 For Christ Your Son, and for each hu - man face
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways
 That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"

While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:
 That shows Your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken bro - ther's needs:
 As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

**Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
 For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
 For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
 And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:**

**Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
 May thankfulness be days in service spent,
 Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.**

In All Our Grief

Blue 739

O Christ, Our Hope

Green 300

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Green 196

**Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, Worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
Glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and Passion sharing,
By this Eucharist declaring Yours the final victory.**

**Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, Lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
Ears attentive to your word; By your blood new life receiving,
In your body, firm believing, We are yours, and you the Lord.**

**Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, We go forth alert and living
In your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation,
Seeking peace in ev'ry nation, May we faithful foll'wers be.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany (Year A): Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18;
Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Matthew 5:38-48

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Kailye Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Marilyn Beig, Molly Gunter
LECTOR-----Ashley Batten

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	111	Bible Class	44
Communion	87	Offering.....	4218
Sunday School	22	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	6	Specials	50

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 SHULEWITZ CAKE & PUNCH RECEPTION - 12:00 P.M.
 REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL ----- 3:00 P.M.

TUESDAY - MT. OLIVE BOOK CLUB----- 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

SUNDAY - WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us in the video-enhanced topic: “A Man Named Martin Luther—The Moment.” Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Begins Sunday, February 19, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

CAKE & PUNCH RECEPTION — Today, please join the Townsend family for a cake and punch reception for Kelsea (Townsend) and Chad Shulewitz as they share their joy now that they're man and wife! Noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

REFORMATION 500 HYMN FESTIVAL — Plan on attending the hymn festival today at 3:00 p.m. at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church. After the concert, a coffee and dessert reception will be held with many desserts provided by Mount Olive members.

LENTEN DINNER SIGN-UP — Our own gourmet chefs will prepare Lenten meals from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. before the Midweek Lenten services beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and continuing thereafter on Thursdays. We need your help! Please sign up for the week that works best on the table in the narthex (back of church). Your generous response is much appreciated. The Ash Wednesday meal is ham and au gratin potatoes.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — Thank you to all the women who attended the first session of the new women's Bible study, "Bad Girls of the Bible." We learned about Eve, the first Bad Girl. While we might blame Eve for getting us kicked out of Paradise for committing the first sin; we are more like her then we care to realize. Eve disobeyed God. She thought she knew what was best for herself. Nobody was going to tell her what she could and could not do. Sound familiar? Eve was easily swayed by the serpent, "that apple looked good, would taste good and would make her smarter" she did not stop and think...she did not go to God to talk it over...do we act first and regret later...ever...? Eve played the "blame game." "This was not my fault, the serpent tricked me." Blaming somebody else for this, that and the other, America's National Pastime. On Tuesday, February 21, we will hear the story about Potiphar's wife. Knowing that Bible story, it is hard to imagine that we can learn anything from that truly Bad Girl. Come check it out and we'll find out together.—Dixie Gerhart

PALM BRANCHES — Please bring back the palm branches that you received on Palm Sunday. The palms will be burned and used as the ashes during our Ash Wednesday service. The dried palms are being collected in a box at the back of church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 — July 17-21, 2017.

MARTIN LUTHER — (*Matt. 5:21-37*) "In the preceding verses He was preaching against the man who injured his neighbor or became angry with him. Now he talks about how the injured party should behave . . . What He wants to say is that while a man who injures another should in a friendly way become reconciled and to forgive. This, too, is a delicate problem, where it is easy for many people to cover up and decorate their malice by saying that they are willing to forgive but not to forget." LW 21:82

Praying For Our Parish in 2017

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.

February 17
Tim Lorang