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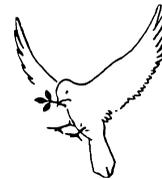
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816

Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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**We worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Grace and peace be with you all as we come before God.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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Faithfulness is the condition of being filled with faith. People filled with faith in God's faithfulness can do amazing things. They can love their neighbors as themselves. They can forgive their enemies. They can find delight in following the pathway of the Lord's Commandments. They can even discover reasons for hope and joy in adversity. The ultimate compliment Jesus mentions in the parable of the talents is when the master says to his worker, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (*Matthew 25:23*). It doesn't get any better than that!

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. 98:3*)

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?

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

CONFESSION / ABSOLUTION (*Lam. 3:22-23; Heb. 10:23; 1 Cor. 6:19*)

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." 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 live in faithfulness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Yet we would hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 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

Built on the Rock

Tune: Kirken Den Er Et Gammelt Hus (365)

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**

**Surely in temples made with hands God, the most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.**

*Left: We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.*

*Right: Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.*

**Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."**

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.

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

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Holiness revealed in acts of mercy and justice.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.' When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear

falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” (NRSV)

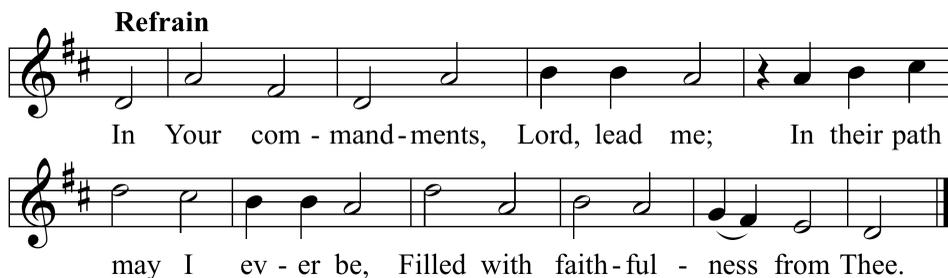
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM HYMN (*Psalms 119:33-40*)

Congregation: Refrain

Refrain



In Your com - mand - ments, Lord, lead me; In their path
may I ev - er be, Filled with faith - ful - ness from Thee.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

Congregation: Refrain

Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways. Confirm to Your servant your promise, that You may be feared. Turn away the reproach that I dread, for Your rules are good. Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life!

Congregation: Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Allegiance to Christ, not human leaders.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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



Cantor: In those who obey the word of Christ; the love of God has | reached perfection.
(1 John 2:5)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 5:38-48

Respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

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, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Holy And Perfect

Matthew 5:38-48

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth
st. 3 - cantor

Green 396

**O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Your living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote, A deathward drift from futile birth.
Your Word meant life triumphant hurled In splendor through your broken world;
Since light awoke and life began, You made for us a holy plan.**

**In blind revolt we would not see That rebel wills wrought death and night.
We seized and used in fear and spite Your wondrous gift of liberty.
We walled us in this house of doom, Where death had royal scope and room,
Until your servant, Prince of Peace, Broke down its walls for our release.**

Cantor: You came into our hall of death, O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
To drink for us the deep despair That strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod The road to bring good news from God!
How beautiful the feet that bring Good tidings of our saving king!

**O Spirit, who did once restore The Church, that it might yet recall
The bringer of good news to all: Breathe on your cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology Unto the holy Trinity.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.
. . . one God, now and forever.
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

Jesu, Jesu

Choir

text by Tom Calvin, Ghana folk song arranged by Dorothy Christopherson

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, Jesu, Jesu silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out himself for them. Refrain

Neighbors are rich and poor; Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away. Refrain

These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends, Silently washing their feet.
This is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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.

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Green 419

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Green 307

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Green 356

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia! Voices Raise



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Voic - es raise, sound - ing God Al -
2 Now come all be - fore God's face, in this cho - rus
3 Let, in praise of Christ, the sound run a nev - er -
4 So this huge wide orb we see shall one choir, one
5 Thus our song shall o - ver - climb all the bounds of



might - y's praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
take your place. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
end - ing round, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tem - ple be. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
space and time. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hith - er bring in one con - sent heart and voice and in - stru -
And a - mid the mor - tal throng, be you mas - ters of the
that our songs of praise may be ev - er - last - ing, as is
In the Ho - ly Spir - it one, we will sing what God has
Al - le - lu - ia! Voic - es raise, sound - ing God Al - might - y's



ment. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
song. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
he. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
done. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 – Transfiguration of Our Lord (Year A): Exodus 24:8-18; Psalm 2:6-12;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr
CANTOR -----Sarah Jank
CONGAS----- Mark Sorensen
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Arnie Jacobson, Doug Pollock
LECTOR-----Ashley Batten

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	117	Bible Class	57
Communion	94	Offering.....	5914
Sunday School	20	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	6	Specials	

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

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

TUESDAY - *BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE*----- 6:15 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.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 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 today, February 19, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

LENT BEGINS SOON — The season of Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Worship is at 7:00 p.m. In following weeks, midweek worship will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00. Lenten meals are available each week prior to the service from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at a modest cost. Make plans to join us each week.

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. No one was going to tell her what she could and couldn’t do. Sound familiar? Eve was easily swayed by the serpent, “that apple looked good, would taste good and would make her smarter” so 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

REFORMATION 500 HYMN FESTIVAL — Thank you to Ashley Batten, Galen Behr, Sarah Jank, Rachel Misirolek, Rosalie Soodsma and Gloria Sorensen for representing Mount Olive in the Festival Choir. Thanks also to those who provided delicious desserts for the reception.

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

MARTIN LUTHER — (*Matt. 5:38-48*) “You shall not desire harm for your neighbor but prevent it, and, if possible, help him and promote his advantage. In this way you can finally move him, and by your kindness you can overcome and soften him. Thus all he can do is to love you in return, because he sees and experiences nothing evil in your treatment of him, but only pure love and sheer goodness.” LW 21:128

LWML — Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (5529 Leavenworth St.) is hosting the LWML Prayer Service on Saturday, March 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All women are invited whether you belong to LWML or not. You can find more information on the north hallway bulletin board.

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 19
Parker Nordaker

February 20
James Sorensen

February 22
Theresa Prine