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2017 *It's Still* All About
Jesus

June 25, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*P.R. 7*)

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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**We make gods of many things, but the psalmist declares,
“There is none like you among the gods, O Lord” (Psalm 86:8, NRSV).
Welcome, as we worship the one true God!**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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There are many things that cause us to be afraid. We become afraid anytime we perceive our sense of security is threatened. This can be a perceived physical, financial, intellectual, relational, or spiritual threat. In these last days, these threats may only appear to be real or they may actually be real. No matter what it may be, our security and our strength lie in our God, who is our refuge and strength. In Him we put our trust.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Isaiah 43:1; Psalm 23:4, 1 Peter 2:9*)

Pastor: But now thus says the LORD,

Men: He who created you, O Jacob,

Women: He who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 Peter 2:10*)

Gathering as God’s chosen people, we bring with us the sins that wage war with our souls. We take this time to confess our sins to Him who has delivered our souls from death, and we seek His forgiveness through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Lord Jesus,

we are surely sinful from birth, and we struggle with change, even as a people changed by You from death to life. Our struggle is revealed as we fall into patterns of living, speaking, and thinking that are not in line with being the people You have called us to be. You have set us free through Your perfect life, death, and resurrection, yet we continue to live like people who are enslaved to the enemy. Lord Jesus, forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness for Your name’s sake. Amen.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 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.

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation
st. 1—cantor

Green 507

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

**Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. (above)

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. (above)

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. (*above*)

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

The prophet must speak despite opposition.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 91:1-10 (antiphon v. 1)



Cantor: He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of
the Al- | mighty.

Cantor: I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my | fortress,* my God, in | whom I
trust.”

**For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler* and from the deadly
| pestilence.**

Cantor: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find |
refuge;* his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

You will not fear the terror | of the night,* nor the arrow that | flies by day,

Cantor: nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,* nor the destruction that wastes at |
noonday.

**A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your | right hand,* but
it will not come | near you.**

Cantor: You will only look | with your eyes* and see the recompense of the | wicked.

**Because you have made the Lord your | dwelling place—* the Most High,
who is my | refuge—**

Cantor: no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,* no plague come | near your tent.

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.

Cantor: He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High* will abide in the shadow of
the Al- | mighty.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:12-23

Overcoming sin by God’s promised grace.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves

to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (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

Cantor begins, congregation joins in on “alleluias.”

S 124

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

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on | my behalf,* and you also | are to testify. (*John 15:26, 27*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

The cost of discipleship.

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

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

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

The Content Of Our God-Given Mission

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God

Green 504

**O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.**

**Give me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling—
To do it when I ought, With all my strength-and bless
Whatever I have wrought, For you must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me, lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace, Lest I offend the weak.**

**When dangers gather round, Oh, keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheerless;
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,
And, by your Spirit's might, To live at peace with all.**

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 DAY

... let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.
... 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

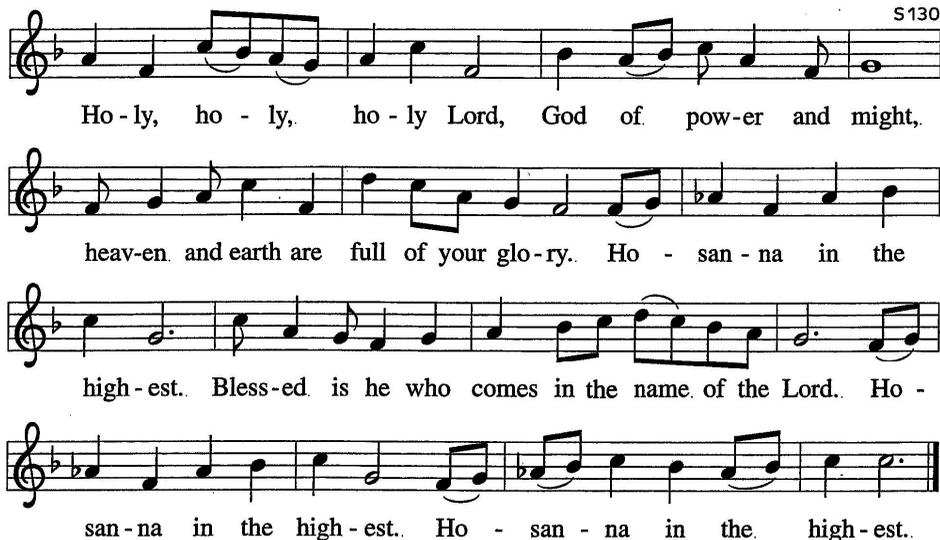
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

Therefore, gracious Father, . . . 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 . . . almighty Father, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

INVITATION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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

S135a

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.

Will You Come and Follow Me

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Green 476

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Green 487

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST - COMMUNION HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Green 564

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

POST - COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Green 503

**O Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, My master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer To shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised To all who follow you
That where you are in glory Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, My master and my friend.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A - Pr. 8): Jeremiah 28:5-9;
Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Galen Behr
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Ashley Batten, Peggy Posey
LECTOR ----- Gloria Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	88	Bible Class	32
Communion.....	70	Offering	6758
Sunday School	20	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	4	Specials	300

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - **WORSHIP** ----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
VBS ORIENTATION & TRAINING ----- 11:30 A.M.

SUNDAY **WORSHIP** ----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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

TODAY — While today will slip by for many Lutherans without the fanfare of Reformation Day, June 25 marks the day in 1530 on which God-fearing laymen took their stand for the Gospel and presented their confession of faith before Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. You might even call today the birthday of the Lutheran Church! That confession made 487 years ago continues to shape what we believe, teach, and confess before the world today. Centered on Christ and focused on the free gift of salvation that is ours by grace through faith, the Augsburg Confession reminds us of the high privilege it is to confess Jesus Christ. As our lips confess His name and as we worship Him with “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (*Ephesians 5:19*), we rejoice that Jesus confesses us before His Father in heaven!

VBS ORIENTATION/TRAINING— Today at 11:30 A.M. will be staff training for VBS. This year VBS will be held July 17-21. The theme is “Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!” A light lunch will be served. Attendance is strongly recommended for all staff so we can order t-shirts and get the correct sizes. Contact Jody Wells-Padron at 402-453-1045 if you would like to volunteer and can’t attend this meeting.

VACATION — Pastor Jank will be on vacation and out of the office this week.

VBS DECORATIONS NEEDED — Toy castles are needed as decorations. Please leave them on the Sunday School desk. They will be returned when VBS is over.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — You won’t want to miss the fifth annual party held at the Kosch’s home on Monday, July 3, 2016, from 5:30 - 10:30 P.M. to celebrate Independence Day. Mount Olive and all of its family, neighbors and friends are welcome to join in. There will be jump houses for the kids, a bonfire, trampoline jumping, horseshoes, chicken rides, swing sets, and lots of food. Grilling will start at 6:00 p.m. with hotdogs, brats, buns, chips, salads, plates, utensils, condiments, ice water and lemonade, all provided. You are invited to bring a bag of chips or dip or a dessert to share if you like. There will be a DJ with music and karaoke. At 10:00 p.m. “Big Bob’s Fireworks choreographed to Music Extravaganza” will begin. Come for the food or fireworks or both! All are welcome. The address is 12652 County Road 36, Blair, Nebraska, 68008. If you get lost, please call 402-253-7324.

ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN’T TAKE VACATIONS — This summer, if you can’t make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Mount Olive relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Pick up an authorization form. We thank you for your continued support!

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.

June 25
Kelsey Kowalski
Myrene Abels

June 27
Shelby Poitra
Caleb Rager

June 28
Bill Pugh

June 29
Griffin Petersen

June 30
Annette Hurt