



July 9, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Pr. 9*)

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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“All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!” (Psalm 145:10, ESV). Indeed, we gather to praise and bless the Lord. Welcome.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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Are you tired? Are you burdened? Do you feel weary? Jesus says to you: “Come to Me . . . and I will give you rest.” As we come to Jesus in faith, He takes our burdens upon Himself and gives us rest for our souls. Yoked to Christ in our Baptism, our standing in the presence of God the Father is guaranteed because of Him. We gather together for worship today, knowing that as Jesus first comes to us with forgiveness and new life, we can then offer Him our prayers and praise. This is the Father’s gracious will. May He bless us as we gather before Him!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(based on Matthew 11:25-30; Romans 7:14-25a)*

Jesus invites you: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Let us come to Jesus in a time of silent prayer.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God, heavenly Father,

We confess that we are burdened by our sin. What we want to do, we don't do. What we end up doing, we know that we are not supposed to do. We feel trapped. Your Word teaches us that we cannot escape our sinfulness. Only in Your mercy is there rest for our souls and relief from the burdens of our hearts. Father, fill us again with the assurance of the cross and the empty tomb, that we may receive anew the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The burdens that are so heavy for you are light for Jesus! As you have now confessed your sins, it is my privilege and joy to announce to you that Jesus has taken away your burdens by His death and resurrection. According to His own command, I, as a servant of the Word and as Your pastor, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Father Welcomes

Tune: Father Welcomes

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin.** Refrain

**In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again.** Refrain

**Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God.**
Refrain

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

God's king will come in humility and peace.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 145:1-14 (*antiphon v. 19*)



Cantor: He fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;* he also hears their cry and | saves them.

Cantor: I will extol you, my | God and King,* and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you* and praise your name forever and | ever.

Cantor: Great is the Lord, and greatly | to be praised,* and his greatness is un- | searchable.

One generation shall commend your works to an- | other,* and shall declare your | mighty acts.

Cantor: On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,* and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.



**They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,* and I will declare
your | greatness.**

Cantor: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness* and shall sing
aloud of your | righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and | merciful,* slow to anger and abounding in |
steadfast love.**

Cantor: The Lord is | good to all,* and his mercy is over all that | he has made.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, | O Lord,* and all your saints
shall | bless you!**

Cantor: They shall speak of the glory of your | kingdom* and tell | of your power,
**to make known to the children of man your | mighty deeds,* and the
glorious splendor of your | kingdom.**

Cantor: Your kingdom is an everlasting | kingdom,* and your dominion endures
throughout all gener- | ations.

The Lord is faithful in | all his words* and kind in | all his works.

Cantor: The Lord upholds all who are | falling* and raises up all who are | bowed
down.

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 fulfills the desire of those who | fear him;* he also hears their cry and |
saves them.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:14-25a

The struggle within for a Christian.

*For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery
under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the
law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.
For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will
what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I
do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that
do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to
do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my*

inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

We weary ones are invited to Christ for rest.

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

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

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and

are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Seeing As God Sees

Romans 7:14-25a

Stand

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav’ling days are done.**

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 DAY

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
. . . through 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

M E A L

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

Blessed are you,
O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P R E F A C E

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

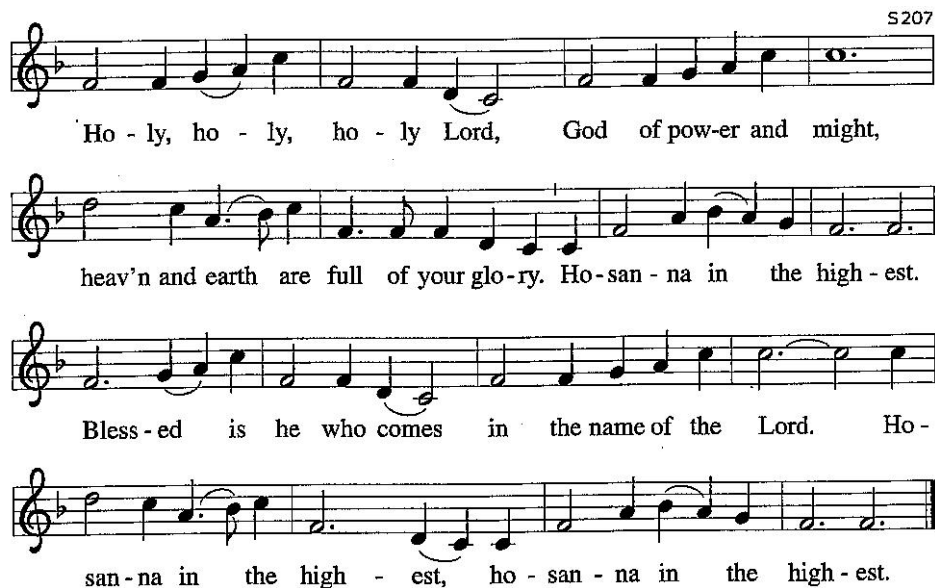
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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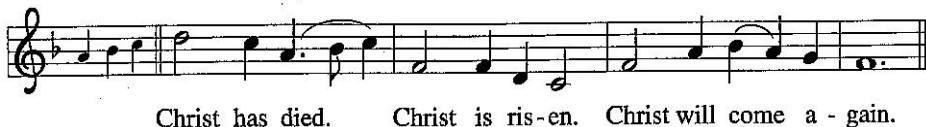
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

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



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

With this bread and cup . . . all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, . . . sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
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

Musical notation for the hymn 'O Lamb of God'. It features two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains three parts of the melody, with lyrics: 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way; 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray. you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray. e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray. The number '5208' is printed in the upper right corner of the first staff.

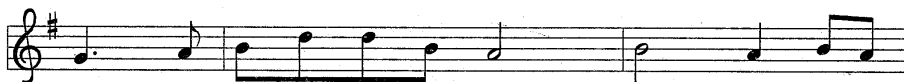
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Light Dawns on a Weary World

st. 1—cantor



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Tune: St. Peter (345)

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul And to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, Accept the praise I bring.**

**How weak the effort of my heart, How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would Thy love proclaim With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name Refresh my soul in death!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A - Pr. 10): Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

***** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY *****

ACOLYTE-----Austin Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Arnie Jacobson
CANTOR -----Dan Schreiber
EUCARISTIC GIFTS----- Gloria Sorensen, Mark Sorensen
LECTOR----- Marsha Behr

***** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

Worship Attendance.....	103	Bible Class.....	34
Communion.....	77	Offering	5083
Sunday School	20	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	4	Specials	75

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 2

***** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 2ND QUARTER GIVING RECORDS
 VBS DOOR HANGER DISTRIBUTION ----- 11:30 A.M.

THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

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.

VBS DOOR HANGER DISTRIBUTION— This morning at 11:30 A.M. we will distribute VBS door hangers in the neighborhood. Your help is greatly appreciated!

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN— Pastor Jank will attend the Association of Lutheran Church Biennial Conference in Minneapolis this week. He should be back in his office on Friday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — July 17-21. Closing program is Friday, July 21, at 8:00 P.M.

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.

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!

MARTIN LUTHER — “Faith is the light, strength, and substance of things to be hoped for, and it is built up out of passages and examples of Christ as out of bones. And yet sin weakens and disturbs all these things. So one bone is that word of Christ, ‘Come to Me all who labor’ (Matt. 11:28). But sin so disturbs this that a man scarcely remembers it or hardly dares to believe it and come. Likewise there is this word: ‘I came not to call the righteous, but sinners’ (Matt. 9:13), and other words and examples by means of which He deigns to deal with sinners. These are the bones of the believing soul.” (*Matt. 11:25-30*).” *LW 10:141-42*

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE — For those who need to avoid alcohol and yet want to commune with their fellow Mount Olive brothers and sisters, the very center glass in each communion tray now has non-alcoholic wine in it for your reception. We encourage its use. Please speak with Pastor Jank if you have questions.

STEWARDSHIP — “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (*Matt. 11:28*) Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose – His light yoke which is no burden to bear, but a joy!

PRESCHOOL CLOSING — Bethany Lutheran Preschool has closed its doors after many years of service in our community. They will be hosting a preschool closing sale on Friday, July 21, from noon to 4:00 pm and Saturday, July 22, from 9:00 am to noon. There are a lot of books, toys, and learning supplies to select from. You may also shop by appointment if you cannot make those sale dates. Call the church office at 402-558-6212 to set up an appointment. Everything is cash and carry. Please help support this preschool one last time and shop at Bethany Lutheran, 5151 NW Radial Hwy. Joan Johnson, one of our members, has been teaching at this preschool in recent years.

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.

July 11
Roland Jank, Jr.

July 12
Steven Kowalski

July 14
Roland Jank, Sr.

Little Free Pantry Mount Olive

We have an ongoing collection for our “Little Free Pantry.” This small cabinet with non-perishable food items, paper goods, and other items sits outside of Mount Olive. It is accessible 24 hours per day to anyone. There aren’t any applications to fill out or set hours of operation. The pantry will be stocked by donations from all of us but can also be stocked by a concerned neighbor. Please, no glass jars or expired food. Below are needed items. *You can place your items inside the marked cabinet that is in the old nursery room right behind the doorway.*

Grains

- Bran cereals
- Bread
- Bread or muffin mixes
- Cold & hot cereals
- Dry noodles & pasta
- Flour
- Graham crackers
- Granola bars
- Infant cereal
- Macaroni & cheese mixes
- Noodle mixes
- Oatmeal
- Pancake mix
- Popcorn
- Rice & rice mixes
- Shredded wheat
- Whole-grain crackers

Dairy

- Evaporated milk
- Infant formula
- Instant breakfast drinks
- Powdered milk
- Shelf-stable (UHT) milk

Protein Foods

- Baked beans
- Bean soup
- Beef stew
- Canned and dry beans
- Canned chicken
- Canned chili
- Canned tuna or salmon
- Peanut butter

Fruits

- Applesauce
- Baby food - fruit
- Fruit juice
- Canned fruit
- Dried fruit—raisins, cranberries

Other

- Honey
- Jelly & Jam
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressings
- Sugar
- Syrup
- Vegetable oil

Vegetables

- Baby food
- Canned tomato products
- Canned vegetables
- Vegetable soup
- Vegetable juice