

waiting for the
HARVEST

July 23, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 11)

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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In the words of Jacob: “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God!” (Genesis 28:17). Welcome to worship.

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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With the whole creation we groan together in birthing pains, waiting for the redemption of all things. Things are not how they were intended to be. We are not home yet. This sad state of affairs is the result of people who are not God playing God. The devil is in on this, sowing weeds throughout the field of this world. But there is no God besides God the Holy Trinity, not in heaven above nor on earth below—not you, not me, not anyone. The real God has appointed that we and all humanity are saved in hope through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our true home is the kingdom of God introduced by Jesus. Along our journey home, even when we do not know what to pray, our hope is sustained by the intercessions of God the Holy Spirit, whose groanings on our behalf are deeper than words can tell.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:64a)*

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"Who is like Me?"

You are the first and You are the last; besides You there is no God.

Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

Behold, we are Your witnesses!

Is there a God besides Me?

O Lord, we know no Rock besides You, and the earth is full of Your steadfast love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Only God most high,

the earth is full of Your steadfast love, but we have turned away to the many passing loves that arrest our attention. Forgetting there is no god besides You, we often think we know what is best for ourselves and for others. But we don't. And so we groan in pain with the consequences of our sins. Hear our cry for Jesus' sake and have mercy on us.

Beloved in Christ, God—the only God—hears your cry for mercy, blotting out your transgressions for His own sake and remembering your sins no more. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Green 407

Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, does provide For our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield.
 Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his harvest home.
 From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
 Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest home.
 Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
 There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
 Come, with all your angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Let Us Join



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry. "to be ex- alt- ed thus!"
- 3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re-ceive hon- or and pow'r di- vine;
- 4 Let all cre- a- tion join in one to bless the sa-cred name



of Him who sits up- on the throne, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless-ings more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.
 of God who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-8

There is no other God than the Lord.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 119:57-64 (*antiphon v. 89*)



Cantor: Forever, O | Lord, Your word* is firmly fixed in the | heavens.

Cantor: The Lord is my | portion;* I promise to | keep Your words.

**I entreat Your favor with | all my heart;* be gracious to me according to
Your | promise.**

Cantor: When I think | on my ways,* I turn my feet to Your testi- | monies.

I hasten and do | not delay* to keep Your com- | mandments.

Cantor: Though the cords of the wicked en- | snare me,* I do not for- | get Your law.

**At midnight I rise to | praise You,* because of Your just and right- | eous
decrees.**

Cantor: I am a companion of all who | fear You,* of those who keep Your | precepts.

The earth, O Lord, is full of Your | steadfast love;* teach me Your | statutes!

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: Forever, O | Lord, Your word* is firmly fixed in the | heavens.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18-27

Longing for the glory that awaits.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of 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.

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The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

Cantor: My word shall accomplish that | which I purpose,* and succeed in the thing
for | which I sent it. (*Isaiah 55:11*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Parable of the weeds among the wheat.

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

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

[Jesus] put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

What A Way To Farm

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Holy Conversation

1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer;
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child - like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions In all - i - cence or by word.

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
In ev - 'ry sin - d - e - n - tial Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We know, His will is - say - ing An child - den bring - ing needs;
With ours our Fa - ther Je - sus In ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray so - ber - ly Ex - press - ing hopes and fears.

And to sup - port our pray - ing His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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

. . . 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

2017 Vacation Bible School Songs

VBS Children

Victory's Won
I Will Sing of the Mercies

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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.

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

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.



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

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



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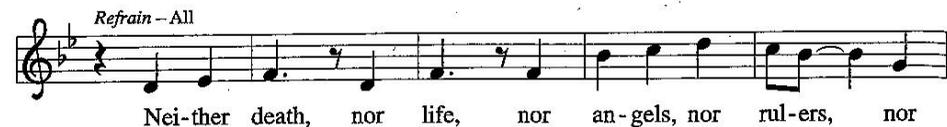
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-ered 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.

Neither Death Nor Life

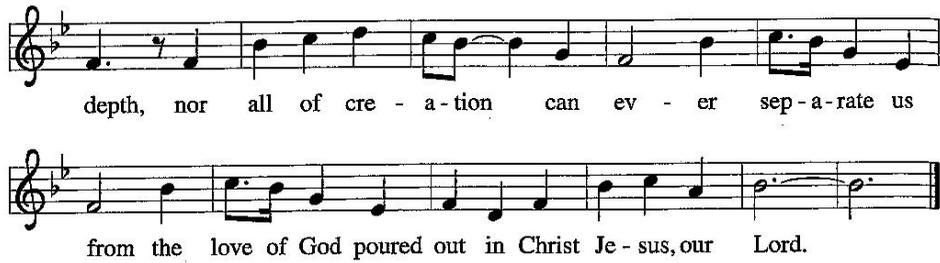
congregation on refrain, cantor on stanzas



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor



trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor



depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Cantor: Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
Though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
Through the Spirit who brings you to life.

Refrain

Cantor: All who are led by the Spirit shall live
As children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus
God's adopted and chosen and loved.

Refrain

Cantor: All of the suff'ring we now must endure
Is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
When creation itself is set free.

Refrain

Cantor: All of creation awaits the new birth,
The fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
And so we wait in patience and hope.

Refrain

Cantor: Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
Or nakedness or peril or sword?

Refrain

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Blue 771

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Green 412

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST - COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

Green 329

**Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word, Spread the reign of God the Lord;
Tell how his own Son he gave, All from sin and death to save.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave himself as sacrifice.**

**Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.**

**Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A - Pr. 12): Deuteronomy 7:6-9;
Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Austin Wegner
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 CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Liz Matson, Peggy Posey
 LECTOR----- Marsha Behr
 ORGANIST-----Rosalie Soodsma

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	97	Bible Class	35
Communion.....	73	Offering	3126
Sunday School	17	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	5	Specials	125

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us in a Bible Study on *Johann Tetzel: Seller of Indulgences* (see today’s bulletin insert). This is a continuation of our focus on Reformation 500. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

VBS MISSIONS— Each year we pick worthy causes that our VBS will help. This year we chose Orphan Grain Train and our own Little Food Pantry. We collected used backpacks to send to Orphan Grain Train and non-perishable food items to be used in our pantry. You are also welcome to make a monetary donation. Simply put your donation in an envelope and mark, “VBS Missions” and place in the collection plate. Your prayers are equally as important, so please remember these missions in prayer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — Our 2017 Vacation Bible School was held this past week with a Closing Program on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. We had an average of 38 students every night. Thank you to all staff who shared Jesus with the students. Thank you to all who donated items, baked cookies, or gave monetary support to make this outreach effort happen. The energy level was great all week! —Jody Wells-Padron

WON'T YOU JOIN US? — National Night Out is quickly approaching, Tuesday, August 1. Our neighborhood surrounding our church has been coming to this event for several years. It is so important for our community to be able to come out and visit with each other in a safe environment, have a meal together, and have fun for the kids. We can provide ALL of this for them. We need YOU to be a part of this. Our congregation has the gift of hospitality and a genuine caring spirit. I am asking for you to visit with our neighbors, help set up, help with the bounce house, work a couple games for the kids, and then help put everything away.

—Laura Hogan, Outreach Evangelism

**Mount Olive Lutheran Church
invites the neighborhood for**

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 1 - 6:00 P.M.
in the church parking lot



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We will host a cook-out for the neighborhood from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Meet your neighbors, local police, and firemen. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and even shade, will be provided. There will be a bouncy house for the kids to enjoy. All are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. **All Mount Olivers are invited to attend.**

Laura Hogan, Evangelism Outreach (402-453-9189).

Bring a canned good for the Salvation Army pantry collected by the firefighters.
Come and meet the neighbors!

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 24
Verdell Adler

July 25
Amber Brown

July 29
Frank Sabatka

July 29
Donald Weihe