



September 10, 2017

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Pr. 18*)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.



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**Brothers and sisters, welcome to Mount Olive Lutheran Church!
Thank you for sharing this day with us.**

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Organist



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Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (*Matthew 18:3*). It is of great comfort that almighty God treats us as His dear children. As the hymn says, although “He knows how frail our powers,” still “His grace remains forever” and “His rule is over all” (*LSB 820:3–4*). Yet while we rejoice in God’s tender mercy for us, today’s Readings remind us that God intends that same mercy for those around us, our family, our own children, and our brothers and sisters of the household of God. As John said, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (*1 John 4:11*). In other words, we who have received mercy are the very channels and messengers of that same mercy to others. We renounce disgraceful ways that allow sin to drag either ourselves or others down, and we bring God’s merciful forgiveness of sins to everyone.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Psalm 32:1, 5; Matthew 18:3-4, adapt.)*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Brothers and sisters, we gather together as the baptized children of God. Let us come to Him confessing our need of Him and begging His forgiveness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we, Your children, confess to You our waywardness. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds. We are sinful from birth. We do not deserve Your love. Yet by Your own Gospel promise we dare to come before You imploring Your grace. Forgive us our sins, gather us as Your own children, and give us Your love and life. Amen.

"Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Upon this your confession and prayer, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Tune: Hymn to Joy (551)

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is The Feast

Congregation

Refrain S 187

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics underneath. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, also with lyrics underneath. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

Cantor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain**

Cantor: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 32:1-7 (*antiphon v. 1*)



Cantor: Blesséd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,* whose sin is | covered.
Cantor: Blesséd is the man against whom the Lord counts no in- | iquity,* and in
whose spirit there is | no deceit.

**For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away* through my groaning |
all day long.**

Cantor: For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me,* my strength was dried
up as by the heat of | summer.

**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;* I said,
"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the
iniquity | of my sin.**

Cantor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you |
may be found;* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;* you
surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.**

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: Blesséd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,* whose sin is | covered.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1-10

Our responsibilities to civil authorities.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. (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, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor: In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself,* entrusting the message of reconcilia- | tion to us. (2 Cor. 5:19)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-20

Who is the greatest?

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

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire. Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

Greatness In Littleness

Matthew 18:1-20

Stand

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

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker!
st. 1—cantor

Green 519

Cantor: My soul, now praise your maker! Let all within me bless his name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless, But rights the wronged at last.

**He offers all his treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond our measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit, But sets his anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds his compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us, As break from close of day,
So far, since he has loved us, He puts our sins away.**

**For as a loving mother Has pity on her children here,
God in his arms will gather All those who him like children fear.
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.
We flourish as the flowers, And even so we fade;
The wind but o'er them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.**

**His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek his love.
In heav'n is fixed his dwelling, His rule is over all;
You hosts with might excelling, With praise before him fall.
Praise him forever reigning, All here who hear his Word
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, oh, praise the Lord!**

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.**

Sit

RECEPTION OF FIRST BIBLE

Stand

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

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Choir

text Rosamond E. Herklots, setting 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 you 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

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.

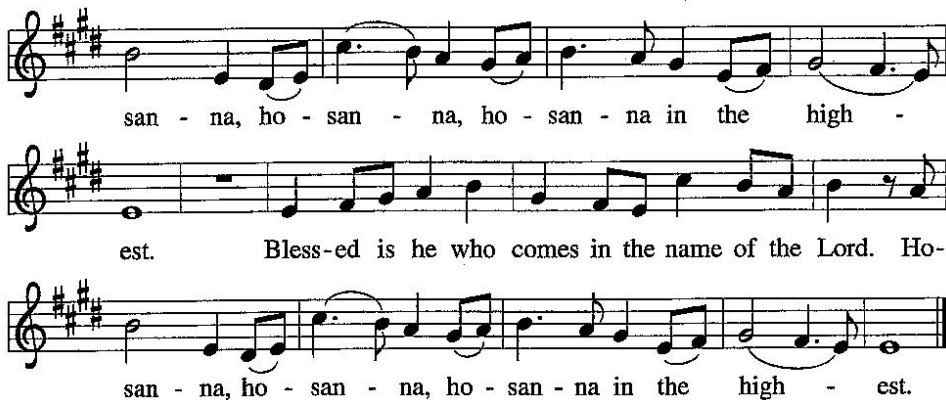
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

S 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
 Remembering, therefore, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

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, be fed, be healed.
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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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, Lamb of God.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Green 456

**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.**

**Where charity and love prevail, There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, By love we thus are bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love God in return.**

**Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
As members of each body joined, In him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be his our only peace.**

**For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.**

**We now forgive each other's faults As we our own confess,
That we may love each other well In Christian gentleness.**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

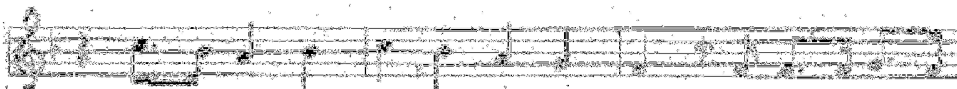
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voice-es raise; tell ev-ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your gran - is - es, O' God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thank-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Be My Leader

Tune: Slane (469)

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
 Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
 Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
 Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A - Pr. 19): Genesis 50:15-21;
 Psalm 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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

ACOLYTE----- Aryanna Hogue
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Rome Motiejaitis, Paul Whitmore
LECTOR----- Liz Matson

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

Worship Attendance.....	92	Bible Class	29
Communion	75	Offering.....	4240
Sunday School	13	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff	7	Specials	0

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

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

TODAY - **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**----- 10:20 A.M.
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS----- 3:30 P.M.
TUESDAY - **MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB** ----- 7:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY - VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY CLUB----- 11:30 A.M.
 CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
 THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, we will watch a documentary on Seminex and Pastor Jank will lead us in a discussion on the significance of Seminex during the 1970’s and early 80’s and its impact on his life. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

BIBLE PRESENTATION — This morning our third graders will receive their first Bible.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY — Today at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the Christian Education Hour. The year’s Planned Parish Program will be presented.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Fall class begins today, September 10, at 3:30 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY — The Women’s Bible Study, *Bad Girls of the Bible* will continue Tuesday, September 19, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. The study will be held four more Tuesdays in October and November. Books will be provided or you can purchase your own copy to keep. Questions? Call Dixie Gerhart at 402-602-3252.

GROUP OUTING — You are invited to our first monthly *Very Merry Unbirthday* meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m. Let’s meet in the church parking lot and car pool to Village Inn for lunch. It’s a free pie day! Please contact Barb Stacy 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White 402-676-7334.

REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE — On Sunday, October 22, the people of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations throughout the Omaha metro area will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at 3:00 p.m. at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in La Vista. You’re invited!

LUTHER DOCUMENTARY — Tune in to PBS on NET Nebraska on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. for *Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*. The film is a documentary about the person, teachings, and impact of Martin Luther. The film features reenactments of the sixteenth-century events with commentary from leading church-history experts.

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.

September 10
 Marsha Behr
 Maria Israel

September 12
 Andrew Johnson
 Tammy Moffett

September 13
 Alex Just
 Jo Just

September 14
 Noah Lorang