



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 4, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

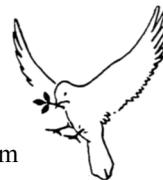


Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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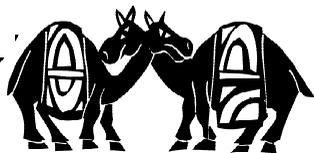
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The psalmist declares: “How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious” (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). So then, let us worship.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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Today's Readings have one point in common: There is no competition to our great God on any level. In Isaiah's day, the people feared the nations around them. But the prophet reminds them that God is in control of not only nations but His whole creation. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, the people were amazed. But Jesus is ready to conquer the true opposition by preaching and casting out demons in towns throughout the area. The limited expectations about God by Jews and Gentiles alike were a challenge to Paul. But by becoming "all things to all people," he hopes to open their eyes to see the God who offers the blessings of the Gospel to everyone.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Psalm 13:3-6)*

David speaks for us as we, God's people, waver between strong faith in Him and fear of other forces. Let us speak his words together as a guide for confession.

"I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me."

God has blessed us so often!

Yet we confess, heavenly Father, that we have wondered about Your care in times of distress. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, our God.

**"Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed over him,'
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken."**

God is greater than any foe!

Yet we confess, gracious Lord, that at times our faith has been shaky—when You have not answered our prayers immediately, and when pain, sadness, or fear have increased. In our distress, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, O Lord, our God.

**"But I have trusted in Your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation."**

God has indeed worked salvation for us! Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. He covers even our doubts and the weaknesses of our faith with Christ's own righteousness. 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear
Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen
All that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining!**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do If with his love he befriend you.**

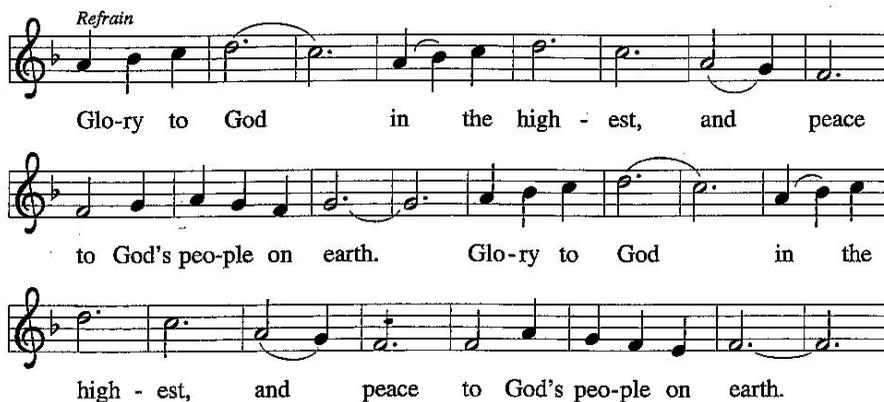
**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen
Sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation

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

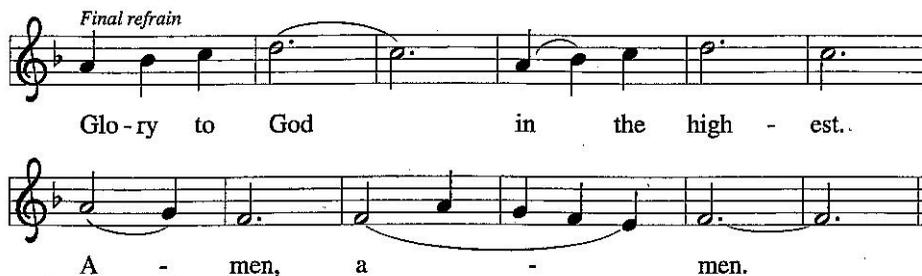
Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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

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

Isaiah 40:21-31

The Creator of all cares for the powerless.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (NRSV)

my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified. (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



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: The servant of God took our infirmities and bore | our diseases. (*Matt. 8:17*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 1:29-39

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Out Of The Desolate Places Comes Our Eternal Destiny **Mark 1:29-39**

Stand

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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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**Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.**

**He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

Sit

FAITH SHARING TIME

Kailyn Townsend, Isabella Wegner

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Kathy Rawson

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . 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.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Have You Not Known?

Choir

Isaiah 40:21-31, adapted by KLS, music by K. Lee Scott

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God
Dwells on high in starry splendor?
His glory is unspeakable; his power shall never fail.

Refrain: They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;
They shall walk and never faint.

To whom will God, the Lord, compare? Who can stand his equal?
By his word he formed the heavens, By his power he e'er sustains them.
Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. But . . .
Refrain

Then why complain, O Israel? Why downcast, O Jacob?
Do you think he does not see? Is your way now disregarded?
His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure. Refrain

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God neither tires nor grows weary?
E'en youths shall stumble helplessly, the young grow weak and faint. But . . .
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

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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 risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, . . . to share with us 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.

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

The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

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.

When Memory Fades

Tune: Finlandia

**When mem'ry fades, and recognition falters,
When eyes we love grow dim, and minds confused,
Speak to our souls of love that never alters;
Speak to our hearts, by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace, empow'r us
With patient courage, by your grace infused.**

**As frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish,
In weary arms which worked their earnest fill,
Your aging servants labor now to finish**

**Their earthly tasks, as fits your mercy's will.
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing,
Your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.**

**Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading.
The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading.
No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and off'rings.
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won.**

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Hope of the World

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**Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.**

**Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life;
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.**

**Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light;
Walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee to endless night.**

**Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt:
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.**

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
We would be faithful to thy Gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

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**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**NEXT SUNDAY – The Transfiguration of our Lord (Year B): 2 Kings 2:1-12;
Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18), 4:1-6; Mark 9:2-9**

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

ACOLYTE----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Kathy Mansfield, Kathy Rawson
LECTOR----- Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	119	Bible Class	35
Communion.....	89	Offering.....	3581
Sunday School	22	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	6	Specials	22

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

- TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
- WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.
CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
- THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
- FRIDAY - FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX-*IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT* 7:00 P.M.
- SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ----- 11:30 A.M.
YOUTH GROUP LUNCH/OUTING----- 11:30 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS ----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us in the *Every One His Witness* workshop that begins today. Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors and become a more effective witness of Jesus in your everyday life. Grab some coffee and join us.

THIRD YEAR CONFIRMANDS — This morning Kailyn Townsend and Isabella Wegner share a favorite Bible passage with us. They are preparing for Youth Confirmation Day, May 27.

NEW MEMBER — This morning we receive into our congregation Kathy Rawson, who recently completed the fall Adult Information Class. She grew up a LCMS Lutheran in north central Wisconsin, has lived in Omaha since 1964, and presently resides at 2734 Iowa Street. Kathy worked in the medical field and then at a call center for many years. She is retired and cultivates a community garden with her neighbor, has a booth at the Everything Store in Florence, and walks her dog every day. Kathy says the class re-verified things from her youth. We welcome her to our family in Christ.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER — Volunteers are needed for the Ash Wednesday dinner. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

SPRING ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Begins next Sunday, February 11, at 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX — *It Happened One Night* will be shown this Friday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. This 1934 romantic comedy featuring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert was the first film to sweep all five major Oscar categories. Popcorn and candy provided.

LUNCH CLUB — Meets Wednesday, February 14. Meet in church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to China Buffet on 114th and Dodge Streets.

VBS — Vacation Bible School is July 16 to July 20 this year.

Praying for Our Parish in 2018

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.

February 1
Epiphany Ramos

February 1
Paul Whitmore

February 2
Shannon Peterson

February 2
Dawn Payne

February 2
Mackinsey Whitmore