

*whoever wants
to become
great among
you must be
your servant...*

Mark 10:43

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

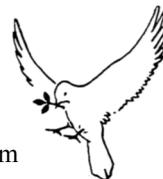
WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**We are told that each Sunday is a mini-celebration of Easter and that Lent is a time to grow in faith, but I'm eager for the full joy of Easter Day!
Walk with me, Jesus, as I strive to walk with you.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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As we draw closer to Holy Week, we may find ourselves dumbfounded by how dense the disciples seem to be! Again and again, they don't understand just exactly who Jesus is or why He has come. As they travel up to Jerusalem, Jesus can't be much more explicit about His mission than He is in today's Gospel. He says, "The Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise" (*Mark 10:33b-34*). Despite these specifics provided by Jesus, we see in the days to come that the disciples still don't get it! But before we are too hard on these followers of Jesus, we examine ourselves and see that we don't always take Jesus' words and promises to heart in our own lives. Thanks be to God that Jesus still came, died, and rose for dense disciples like us!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. 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

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Green 301

**Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; Those who drink shall thirst no more.**

**Those who drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1,3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A new covenant written on the heart.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 119:9-16 *(antiphon v. 10)*



Cantor: With my whole heart I | seek you;* let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

Cantor: How can a young man keep his | way pure?* By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart I | seek you;* let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

Cantor: I have stored up your word | in my heart,* that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blesséd are you, | O Lord;* teach me your | statutes!

Cantor: With my lips | I declare* all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight* as much as in all | riches.

Cantor: I will meditate on your | precepts* and fix my eyes | on your ways.

I will delight in your | statutes;* I will not for- | get your word.

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: With my whole heart I | seek you;* let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ. *Fine*

Verse (cantor or choir) *D.C. al Fine*

Cantor: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a | single grain;* but if it dies, it | bears much fruit. (*John 12:24*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

Warnings to ambitious disciples.

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

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

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Stand

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Blue 661

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!**

Right: Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

*Left: Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.*

Right: They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffer'ing goes that he his foes from thence might free.

*Left: In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.*

**Here might I stay and sing— no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!**

Π Ι C E Π E C R E E D

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from

heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.
. . . one God, forever and ever.
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

What Wondrous Love
setting by John A. Behnke

Choir

Refrain: What wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing. Refrain

When from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
**receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our
lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the
resurrection; 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, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



S108

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. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Blessed are you, . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection . . . with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us . . . with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones . . . now and forever.

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

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R (*join hands*)

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

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

I N V I T A T I O N

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

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

S 112

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.

Such Perfect Love

1 Such per - fect love that keeps each vow To all a -
2 Such self - less love that rights each wrong Of ev - 'ry
3 Such ho - ly love that cleans - es through, For sin - ners'



noint - ed on the brow. Up - hold - ing ev - 'ry prom - ise
child to Him be - long. For - get - ting ev - 'ry bro - ken
hearts, now made a - new. Re - stor - ing all from sin and



made, Our Fa - ther's care will nev - er fade.
yes, Our Sav - ior earns our righ - teous - ness.
death, Our Ho - ly Spir - it gives us breath.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Green 104

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

Green 455

**“Come, follow me,” the Savior spake, “All in my way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey my call and guiding,
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take my example for your guide.**

**“I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should sojourn here below.”**

Cantor: My heart abounds in lowliness; My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.

**“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation;
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed,
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**
Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
3 No gold - en scepter but a towel You
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Π Ε Χ Τ Σ Υ Π Η Δ Α Υ – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday (Year B): John 12:12-19;
Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

† ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY †

ACOLYTE ----- Austin Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Ron & Annette Hurt
LECTOR ----- Mark Sorensen

† LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE †

Worship Attendance.....	85	Bible Class.....	29
Communion.....	68	Offering.....	3589
Sunday School.....	14	Needed Weekly.....	5030
Staff.....	6	Specials.....	60

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 0

† THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE †

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING	
		MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS-----	3:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS-----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR-----	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	MIDWEEK LENTEN MEAL-----	5:30 P.M.
		MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE-----	7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY	-	FIRST COMMUNION CLASS-----	4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Tim Lorang, the Director of the Board of Evangelism will lead us. Grab some coffee and join us.

EASTER LILIES — Would you like to donate a lily to decorate the altar for Easter? Today is the last day to sign up. The cost is \$10.

LENTEN DINNER — Join us for dinner this Thursday, March 22. Guest chefs Paul and Jill Clausen are serving smoked pulled pork and baked beans. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$5 per adult and \$20 per family. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and clean-up. Please sign-up in the back of church.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE — More and more we learn (or should!) that we need all the grace we can get from God as we journey toward our heavenly home. Thursday evening’s theme is “Calling Us Home . . . Graced toward Glory,” based on 1 Peter 5:6-11. Please join us at 7:00 P.M.

NEXT SUNDAY — Come a few minutes earlier than normal for the Procession of Palms.

THE GREAT THREE DAYS — We will have worship opportunities on Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday evenings (March 29-31). All of these services are incomplete and anticipate your return the next day. Please make plans to be with us. This is all part of the most sacred week of the year for us Christians.

EASTER — Alleluia! Christ is risen! Easter Sunday is April 1. Worship begins at 9:00 a.m. Come early for breakfast beginning at 7:45 a.m. The Youth Group is hosting this fundraiser for youth activities here at Mount Olive. The suggested cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, and \$15 for families.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT — Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to be held here at Mount Olive. There will be a bounce house, egg hunt, skit and gifts. This is an excellent opportunity to invite families to get to know our church family! Please talk to Tim Lorang about volunteering.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING — Saturday, April 7, 9:00 a.m. to noon. All skill levels needed!

VBS— *Shipwrecked* is the theme of this summer’s Vacation Bible School. Remember Gilligan’s Island? Me, the Skipper, Gilligan and 30 of my best friends will be shipwrecked the week of July 16 along with the VBS students. Look forward to Tropical Treats, Castaway Music and Bible stories that tell how Jesus rescues us. Several positions will need to be filled, so please prayerfully consider when asked to help. —Jody Wells-Padron

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.

March 23
Eli Hagen