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Ephesians 6:10-11

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 17)

September 2, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**Welcome to worship this Labor Day weekend! May our time together strengthen us
so we can serve God in whatever work we do.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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One of the greatest accomplishments of Satan is tricking people into believing he is not real. After all, if people think he does not exist, then they aren't prepared for his attacks. Today, however, the apostle Paul reminds us of the reality of the old evil foe. Satan and his threats are real, but God does not leave us defenseless. We are to "take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm" (*Ephesians 6:13*). When Paul calls us to put on the full armor of God, the pieces of armor are all given in the one garment we put on in Holy Baptism. Clothed in Christ and His strength, we are able to stand against Satan, confident that even though he is a real threat, we need not fear!

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E *Please fill out the attendance register 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 *(Ephesians 6:13)*

Therefore take up the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,
and having done all,
to stand firm.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Psalm 51:2, 7, 10)*

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

Green 248

**Dearest Jesus, at your word We have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred And in glowing faith be near you
As the promises here given Draw us wholly up to heaven.**

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks the night, Filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living Come but by your gracious giving.

Radiance of God's glory bright, Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light; Help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
That our prayers and songs may please you, As with grateful hearts we
praise you.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most: Your blest Gospel's consolation,
While we here on earth await you, Till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation

Refrain S 185

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and 'S 185'. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and' on the first line, and 'peace to God's peo - ple on earth.' on the second line.

Cantor: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Congregation: Refrain

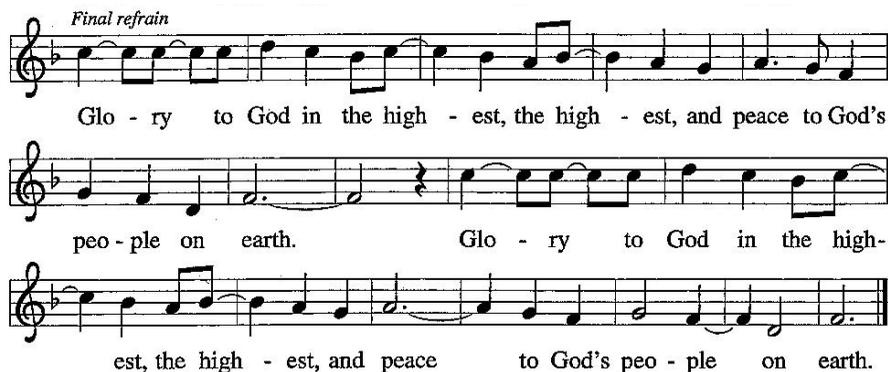
Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Congregation: Refrain

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

God's Law: His gift to guide our living.

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 119:129-136 (*antiphon v. 132*)



Cantor: Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,* as is your way with those who | love
your name.

Cantor: Your testimonies are | wonderful;* therefore my soul | keeps them.

**The unfolding of your | words gives light;* it imparts understanding to the
| simple.**

Cantor: I open my | mouth and pant,* because I long for your com- | mandments.

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,* as is your way with those who | love
your name.**

Cantor: Keep steady my steps according to your | promise,* and let no iniquity get
dominion | over me.

Redeem me from man's op- | pression,* that I may keep your | precepts.

Cantor: Make your face shine upon your | servant,* and teach me your | statutes.

My eyes shed | streams of tears,* because people do not | keep your law.

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: Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,* as is your way with those who | love
your name.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the full armor of God.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the

Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. *(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: Blessed are the | pure in heart,* for they | shall see God. *(Matt. 5:8)*

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23

It's the heart, not the outside, that needs cleansing.

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

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

Then [Jesus] called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, “Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” *(NRSV)*

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

SERMON

Strength Comes From the Lord

Ephesians 6:10-20

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

By Grace I'm Saved
st. 3—right side; st. 4—left side



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

**By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?**

**By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.**

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.**

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

**. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

S H A R I N G O F T H E P E A C E

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.

G A T H E R I N G O F T I T H E S A N D O F F E R I N G S

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 money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision
setting, Timothy Shaw

Piano

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

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

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.

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

We pray as children of God:
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

I N V I T A T I O N

Come, be fed, be healed.
Amen.

Sit

D I S T R I B U T I O N

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 191



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.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Green 480

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your Word And make my heart sincere:
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands, 'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

O God, My Faithful God

Green 504

**O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.**

**Give me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling
To do it when I ought, With all my strength and bless
Whatever I have wrought, For you must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me, lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace, Lest I offend the weak.**

**When dangers gather round, Oh, keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheerless;
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,
And, by your Spirit's might, To live at peace with all.**

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Green 509

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See, his banners go!**

**Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.**

**Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided; All one body we:
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.**

Refrain

**Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail.
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.**

Refrain

**Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph-song.
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.
We through countless ages With the angels sing:**

Refrain

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

S E P T U A R Y

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Green 259

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration For your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with you in endless day.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 18): Isaiah 35:4-7a;
Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Mark Sorensen
CANTOR ----- Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Judy Rath, Kathy Rawson
LECTOR ----- Marsha Behr

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	88	Bible Class	33
Communion	67	Offering.....	3510
Sunday School	15	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	3	Specials	0

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	
MONDAY	-	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS-----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		RALLY SUNDAY -----	10:20 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		VOTERS' ASSEMBLY-----	11:30 A.M.
		YOUTH OUTING-----	11:30 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS-----	3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will continue leading us in a study of our Sunday morning worship practice. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

FUNERAL — Our sister in Christ, Jackie Headid, died this past Thursday. The family visitation will be Tuesday, September 4, 6:00—8:00 P.M. here at Mount Olive. Her funeral will be Wednesday morning, September 5, at 10:00. “Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.”

NEW BIBLE CLASS TOPICS — Beginning on Sunday morning, September 9, our Adult Bible Class will begin a sequence of Bible studies on topics that expose our idolatries, the causes of conflict in our relationships, and our great need to confess and receive God’s declaration of forgiveness. We will begin with “Fear, Cravings, and Misplaced Trust.” You are invited to grow in greater faith and obedience as we hear God’s Word afflict us where we are comfortable and comfort us where we are afflicted.

LABOR DAY — The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3.

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CHOIR RESUMES — Consider lending your voice in helping to lead our worship this year. Our choir is a wonderful, loyal group of people who would warmly welcome you. Many of them would tell you they don't consider themselves to be opera singers but find that they love singing with the group. Weekly rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 5, at 7:45 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY DATE CHANGE — The Women's Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. continuing on the first and third Tuesdays until November. Would love to have you join us. Questions or concerns? Contact Dixie Gerhart at 402-453-6707 (evening) or 402-602-3252 (daytime).

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Our semi-annual Adult Information Class will begin Sunday, September 9, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. To register, please fill out the bulletin insert and hand to one of the ushers or place it in the church office mailbox.

YOUTH GROUP—All sixth to twelfth graders are invited to the Youth Group Lake Day, Sunday, September 9th! We will leave from Mount Olive after Sunday School and return at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and dessert will be provided. Bring a swimsuit, towel and any outdoor/water games. Transportation will be provided. We will spend the day at Connie and Mike Townsend's camp spot in Linder Lakes, Plattsmouth. Parents are welcome to join us for \$4 each. Please RSVP to Kristi Townsend at 402.457.9611 or respond to the Facebook event!

MONTHLY LUNCH OUTING — The *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon will be Wednesday, September 12. This month members are eating at Old Chicago, 425 North 78th Street. Let's meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 A.M. and car pool. Please RSVP to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

BOOK CLUB KICK-OFF — The *Mount Olive Book Club* is kicking off its season Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. They will be joined by Nebraska author, Jonis Agee. Her book, *The Bones of Paradise*, was chosen as the Omaha Public Library's 2017 *Omaha Reads* selection. The book is a family saga, a period epic and a mystery. The book takes place in the Nebraska Sand Hills several years after the 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee, when the 7th Cavalry killed more than 200 Lakota men, women and children. The meeting will be held at the home of Jill Clausen. Liz Matson will be providing dessert. We welcome anyone to our group whether that be for one book or every meeting.

BLOOD DRIVE — Mount Olive is hosting a blood drive Saturday, September 15. To schedule an appointment, call Bonnie White at 402-496-7682 or email bjhjwhite@gmail.com.

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.

September 2
Roger Wilson

September 4
Michael Wegner