



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 21)

September 30, 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 Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

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“And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.”
Do you actually look forward to the Last Day? There are many things or events to which we look forward with anticipation. We may even say, “I can’t wait!” for the day of graduation from high school or college; the wedding day; the first day on a new job. Yet we don’t say that when anticipating major surgery or the dentist or the loss of a loved one. Today Jesus has us look forward to a reward laid up for us on that day. James chimes in, saying whatever our circumstances, the Christian faith enables us to live with the hope and light of our promised deliverance.

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

G A T H E R I N G
We Enter God’s Presence.

I N V O C A T I O N

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 119:73, 77*)

Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.
Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for Your law is my delight.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*James 5:16*)

Beloved, today the apostle James says, “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.” Let us all therefore lay our sins on Jesus, looking to Him for forgiveness.

Almighty God, at Your invitation, we beg for Your grace and forgiveness of our sins for the sake of the priceless sacrifice of our Lord Jesus on the cross. Forgive us for the wayward and wrongful acts we have committed and also for the good and constructive words and acts we have failed to do. Help us to live in the faith of the resurrection of the righteous. Amen.

Upon this your confession, 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.

GATHERING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Green 415

**God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow’r;
Crown your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.**

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

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.

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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The Lord's spirit comes upon seventy elders.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not

SECOND LESSON

James 5:13-20

Some marks of the Christian community.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (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: Your word, O | Lord, is truth;* sanctify us | in the truth. (*John 17:7*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

Warnings to those who obstruct faith.

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

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

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 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 hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Surgery For The Savior

Mark 9:38-50

Stand

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

Come Down, O Love Divine

Green 508

**Come down, O Love divine; Seek thou this soul of mine
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; Within my heart appear
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**Oh, let it freely burn, Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing
True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
No soul can guess his grace Till it become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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.

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 money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

There Is A Balm in Gilead
setting by William C. Witherup

Choir

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

Refrain

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.

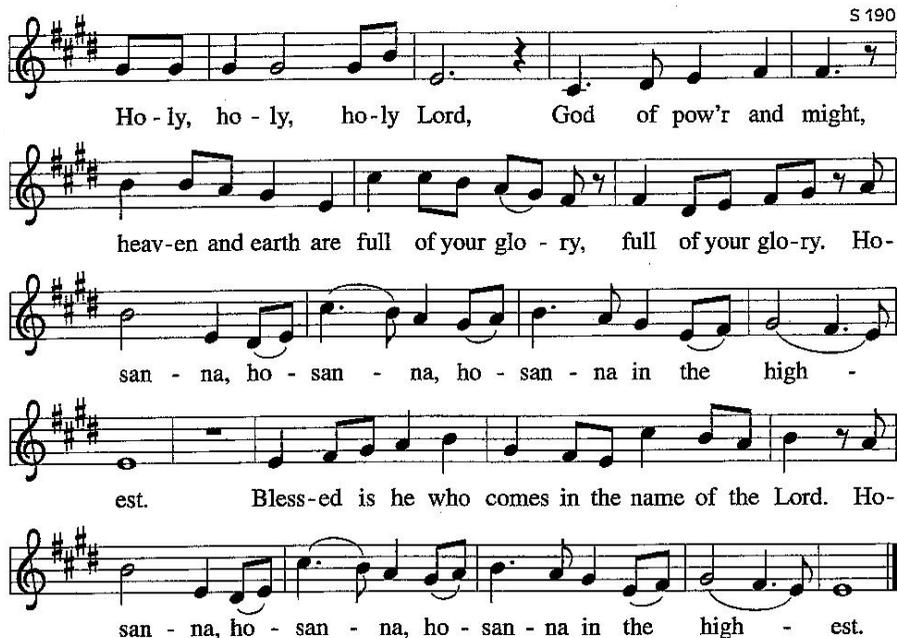
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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)*

We pray as children of God:
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.

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,
to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,
if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,

**O Master, from the mountainside Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide; Oh, tread the city's streets again;**

**Till all the world shall learn your love, And follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heav'n above, Shall come the city of our God.**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

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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N E X T S U N D A Y – Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 22): Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18); Mark 10:2-16

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mark Sorensen
CANTOR -----Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Mikale and Kristi Townsend, Jr.
LECTOR----- Marsha Behr

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	94	Bible Class	32
Communion	75	Offering	4908
Sunday School	18	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	6	Specials	290

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 1:30 P.M.
TUESDAY - WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY ----- 6:00—7:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY - MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN ----- 6:00 P.M.
CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.
CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
SATURDAY - CANVAS AND COFFEE ----- 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP/LWML SUNDAY----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will finish up a Bible Study on “Fear, Cravings, and Misplaced Trust.” Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

ALTAR FLOWERS — The flowers in the chancel this morning are in memory of Laura Hogan for her birthday, September 27. “Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” (*Proverbs 31:28-29*)

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN — Beginning this Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., a men’s group will meet weekly at Mount Olive for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to connect with our brothers in Christ to grow in faith, service and love. There will be a no cost meal at the initial meeting. If you’re looking to connect on a deeper level with your Christian brothers, please pray for and join us. Contact Tim Lorang so the correct number of meals can be ordered.

CANVAS AND COFFEE — This Saturday, October 6th, at 9:30 a.m. join us as for Canvas and Coffee. We will provide the materials you need to take home a small canvas painting. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family for a morning of fun and fellowship. Please sign up by emailing mjbehr@cox.net or the church office at mountolv@msn.com.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — The Women’s Bible Study will meet again on Tuesday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall. We will continue our study of “Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God.” If you want more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. —Dixie Gerhart, 402-602-3252 (day)/402-453-6707 (night).

LWML SUNDAY — Purple is the color of the day next Sunday, October 7, for LWML Sunday, as we celebrate 75 years in mission. LWML is the place where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness. The LWML Tri-Zone Rally is Sunday, October 21.

VMU LUNCH — Our monthly luncheon will be Wednesday, October 10. We are eating at 11-Worth Cafe, 2419 Leavenworth St. Let’s meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 A.M. and carpool. RSVP to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

YOUTH GROUP — NE District Youth Gathering is November 17-18, at Embassy Suites LaVista. Junior High youth interested should see Kristi Townsend today to register with a \$20 commitment fee. See insert for details. (Needed are one female and one male adult leader, over 21, to attend with the group.)

REFORMATION FESTIVAL — Pacific Hills Lutheran Church, 1110 S. 90th St., is hosting a Reformation Festival Hymn Fest on Sunday, October 28th, at 7:00 P.M. Dr. Charles Ore will play the organ as well as conduct a special reformation choir. For information on being in the choir, please contact the church office.

MOVIE NIGHT — Please join us on Friday night, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. (NEW TIME!) for a FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Our double feature will be showing the animated short “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” and “Maleficent” both from Disney. Popcorn and movie candy will be provided. Dixie Gerhart, 402-602-3252.

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.

October 1
Tracy Viles

October 1
Loureine Whitwer

October 2
Bonnie White

October 6
Addison Wheeler