



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 17, 2019

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we welcome you to worship,
that together we may be wrapped in God's Word, love and grace. Amen.**

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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These Sundays after the Epiphany give us a glimpse and overview of our Lord's earthly ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing. The people who followed Him have seen Him do many great things. In fact, many followed Him mainly in hopes that they would receive healing or some other gift. But today Jesus has everyone stop in their tracks for some teaching, words of wisdom, words of blessing, and words of warning. The blessing is when you know Jesus' spiritual promises of forgiveness and assurance of eternal life. The warning is the danger of taking your eyes off of Jesus, being concerned only with the gifts and blessings we receive in this life, that is, things of this world that will surely pass away. As Jesus continues to lead us to His goal—His suffering, death, and resurrection—we are being drawn to value the spiritual blessings that in faith will provide us with forgiveness and eternal life.

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

O P E N I N G S E N T E N C E S (*Psalm 1:1a, 2; Jeremiah 17:7*)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
but his delight is in the law of the LORD.
Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

C O N F E S S I O N A N D A B S O L U T I O N

Brothers and sisters, as we gather to hear the words and teaching of our Lord today, let us prepare by confessing our need to hear Him.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess the sins of our minds, our speech, our actions, and even our inactions. We beg Your mercy and forgiveness. We ask for Your grace to fill us with faith in Your Son, our Lord, to lead and guide us through all our days that we rejoice in the new, eternal life He has won for us by His cross and resurrection. Amen.

In His mercy, God has given His Son to die for you and to give you the forgiveness of all your sins. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

G A T H E R I N G H Y M N

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Green 189

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold,
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**

**We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life,
As living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

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

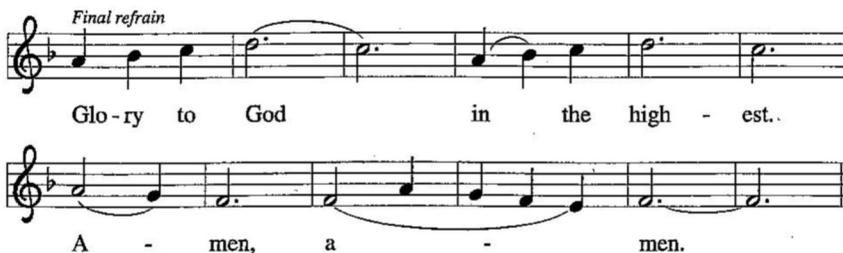
Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-8

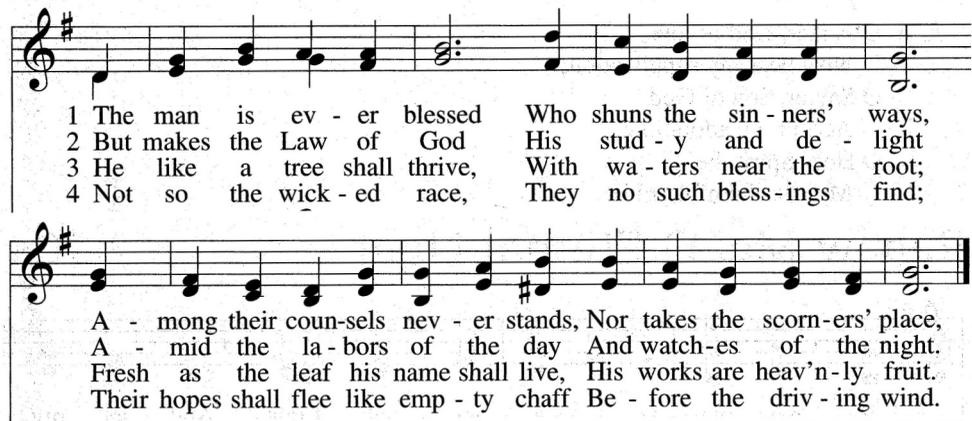
Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water.

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM HYMN (*Psalms 1*)



1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways,
2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light
3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root;
4 Not so the wick - ed race, They no such bless - ings find;

A - mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,
A - mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.
Their hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind.

5 How will they bear to stand Before the judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
In full assembly meet?

6 He knows and He approves The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:(1-11) 12-20

Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died.

[Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.] Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died (*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.

Cantor: Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is | great in heaven. (*Luke 6:23*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

God's Valentine

Luke 6:17-26

Stand

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Green 90

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In thy God-head manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Present in thy holy Word;
Grace to imitate thee now And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we might become like thee At thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

N I C E N 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

. . . 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

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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You
setting by David Cherwien

Choir

If you but trust in God to guide you, With hopeful heart through all your ways,
You will find strength, with God beside you, To bear the worst of evil days;
For those who trust God's changeless love Build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in God's care and keeping, In sorrow will God love you less?
For Christ who took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure In cheerful hope, with heart content,
Trusting that grace which knows no measure Will by unbounded Love be sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; Offer your service faithfully,
Trust in God's word, The truth to set you free. God will not fail to guide and bless
Those who embrace God's faithfulness. God will not fail to guide and bless.

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 173

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 -



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, . . . until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, . . . 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 . . . now and forever.

Amen, amen, 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 to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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.

Jesus Sat with His Disciples

1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a

2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the

3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple

earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be

peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per-se-

gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:

ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.

cut - ed, Who for righ - teous-ness lose life;

"Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's

Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy

Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the



king - dom they will share. Bless - ed are the sad and
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My
mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

O God of Mercy, God of Light

Green 425

**O God of mercy, God of light, In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives in you.**

**You sent your Son to die for all, That our lost world might hear your call;
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**

**Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those His blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought May work a work for you.**

**For all are kindred, far and wide, Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will, and grace provide To love them all in you.**

**In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, Each other's burdens help us share;
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.**

**And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love,
Till you receive in heav'n above Those who have lived to you.**

O Christ, Our Hope

Green 300

**O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured.**

**How vast your mercy to accept The burden of our sin,
And bow your head in cruel death To make us clean within.**

**But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.**

Oh, let your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride,
That we may stand before your throne By mercy purified.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!

All praise to you, ascended Lord; All glory ever be
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas-sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro-ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C): Genesis 45:3-15;
Psalm 103:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42; Luke 6:27-38

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Austin Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mark Sorensen
CANTOR ----- Sarah Callahan
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Victor and Jody Padron
LECTOR----- Marsha Behr

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	68	Bible Class.....	28
Communion.....	50	Offering.....	3009
Sunday School.....	15	Needed Weekly.....	5300
Staff.....	7	Specials.....	70

First Time Worshipers 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.
TUESDAY	-	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-----	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS-----	6:00 P.M.
		MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR-----	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	ALL BOARDS MEETING-----	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY—SATURDAY		30 HOUR FAMINE-----	6:00 P.M.—8:00 A.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will lead the class that meets in the Fellowship Hall on “Authority: A Bible study on authority and its role in conflict.” A second Bible class, “Present Over Perfect,” for parents with children in the nursery is being led by Melissa Lorang in the nursery room, the northwest corner room upstairs. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

ALL BOARDS MEETING — The All Boards meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m.

30-HOUR FAMINE — Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. Mount Olive Youth are participating in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine on Friday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, February 23, at 8:00 a.m. For 30 hours, they will skip meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world. Your help is needed in three ways. A gift of \$40 helps feed and care for a child for one month. Please put your tax-deductible donation in an envelope marked “World Vision” and place it in the offering plate. Secondly, volunteers are needed to help make the Famine weekend a success. If you would like to pitch in, please talk with Dustin or Mary Hogue. Third, please pray for God’s grace over this event and its fundraising, and that our youth will grow deeper in their love for Him while helping change hungry kids’ lives.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Join the Women’s Bible Study group on Tuesday, February 19, at 6 p.m. Our story is from Genesis 30, 31 and 35:16-20, if you want to read ahead. No worries if you cannot slide in right at 6...we usually start off with a connect question. Each lesson stands on its own, so if you miss a night...you’re still okay. If you want more information, please do not hesitate to contact me...Dixie Gerhart 402-602-3252 and 402-453-6707 (evening phone).

ASH WEDNESDAY MEAL—Join us for Italian fare before the Ash Wednesday service (March 6). Pasta, bread sticks, salad, and desserts will be served between 5:30-6:30pm. A freewill offering will be taken. Volunteers are needed to help serve, clean up, and to make desserts. Sign up at the back of church today or talk to the Kitchen Coordinators - Tamra Moffett or Connie Townsend.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR CONCERT — You are invited to a free performance on Saturday, March 2, at 8pm at St. Cecilia’s Cathedral of the National Lutheran Choir. The National Lutheran Choir, now in its 33rd season, engages listeners of all faiths by singing the spirit of music familiar and new. The National Lutheran Choir has set out on tour with Kim André Arnesen’s magnificent work for chorus and strings entitled *Holy Spirit Mass*.

Praying for Our Parish in 2019

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

February 17
Tim Lorang

February 19
Parker Nordaker

February 20
James Sorensen

February 22
Theresa Prine