

November 23, 2014

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Education Hour 10:20 A.M.
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**As the church year draws to a close, we celebrate Christ our King.
Let us worship Jesus, the One who was, who is and who is to come! Amen.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY

November 23, 2014

On this final Sunday of the church year our Gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand and face the back.

G A T H E R I N G

We Enter God's Presence.

I N V O C A T I O N

CONFES SION AND ABSOLUTI ON (Isaiah 53:6, 11)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess to You that we have strayed like lost sheep and deserve nothing of Your kindness toward us. We have sought our own way and it has led us only to guilt and death. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray You to forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts and minds, and restore as Your own children. Grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ alone, trust in His redeeming work, and live lives worthy of our baptismal calling as Your children. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.

May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns (*turn as the cross passes*)

Green 170

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'ly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.**

Left: *Crown him the Lord of love Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.*

Right: *Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.*

Cantor: Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

**Crown him the Lord of years, The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.**

A P O S T O L I C G R E E T I N G

H Y M N O F P R A I S E

This is the Feast of Victory
cantor on verses, congregation on refrain

Congregation

Refrain



S 196

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia.

Cantor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Congregation (refrain)

Cantor: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Congregation

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P R A Y E R O F T H E D A Y

Sit

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

F I R S T L E S S O N

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

God will shepherd Israel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they

shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 9 5 : 1 - 7 (*music by Michael Bedford*)

Choir

Refrain: Come, let us sing to the Lord, come, let us sing to the Lord,
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
And raise a glad shout to God with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Refrain

In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
And the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
And his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
And the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Christ's resurrection assures our own.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

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

Choir: Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an-¹cestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 25:31-46

The Son of Man's separation of sheep and goats.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (shouted)

Sit

S E R M O N

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Head That Once Was Crowned

Green 173

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now.
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - lords Is his by sov - reign right.
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, The joy of all be - low.
4 To them the cross with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n.

A rev - al com - a - deer goes The migh - ty vic - o's lamb.
The King of kings, and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
To them be num - i - tate his love, And grant the com - ing to know.
Bearin' an ev - er last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below. 6 The cross he bore is life and health,
They reign with him above. Though shame and death to him.
Their profit and their joy to know. His people's hope, his people's wealth,
The mystery of his love. Their everlasting theme!

NICENE CREED

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.

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

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
. . . We pray in His name.
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 and 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 bread, wine, and money are brought forward, please stand.

M U S I C A T O F F E R I N G

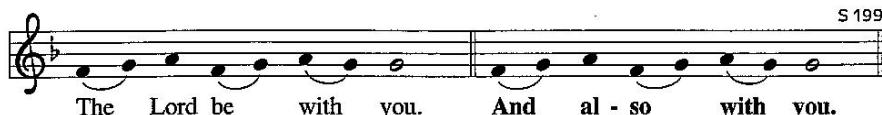
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
setting by Aaron David Miller (*Green 198*)

Piano

O F F E R I N G P R A Y E R

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P R E F A C E



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It contains six notes: a quarter note followed by five eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "The Lord be with you." are written. The second staff begins with a common time signature and contains six notes: a quarter note followed by five eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "And also with you." are written. The page number "S 199" is located in the top right corner of the music area.

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:

S A N C T U S

S 200

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, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.

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

The musical notation consists of a single staff in common time with a treble clef. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." are written below the staff.

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 banquet for all is now ready.

Amen.

Sit

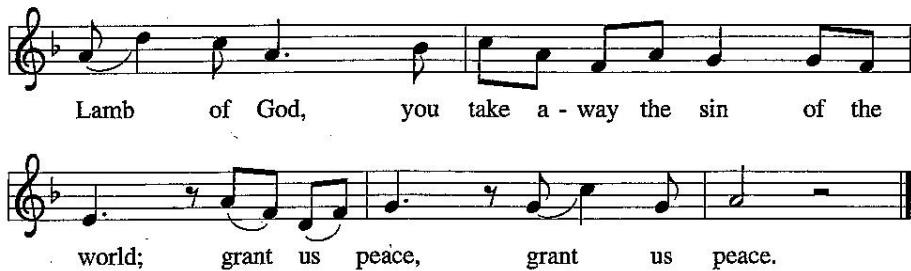
DISTRIBUTION

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

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.

The musical notation consists of three staves in common time with a treble clef. The first two staves are identical, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you" are written below the staves. The third staff continues the melody.



Beautiful Savior

Green 518

st. 4 - sing in harmony

O Christ the Same

Blue 778

st. 2 - cantor

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

Blue 691

Stand

C O M M U N I O N B L E S S I N G

P O S T - C O M M U N I O N P R A Y E R

S E N D I N G

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

B E N E D I C T I O N

R E C E S S I O N A L H Y M N

Lift High the Cross (*turn as the cross passes*)

Green 377

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.**

Refrain

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.**

Refrain

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Refrain

D I S M I S S A L

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

P O S T L U D E

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N E X T S U N D A Y – First Sunday of Advent (Year B): Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE -----	Krista Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER -----	Steve Kowalski
CANTOR -----	Sarah Jank
EUCARISTIC GIFTS -----	Mikale & Kristi Townsend, Jr.
LECTOR -----	Gloria Sorensen
PREACHER -----	Max Williams

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance	89	Bible Class.....	37
Communion.....	71	Offering	3443
Sunday School	37	Needed Weekly	4649
Staff.....	6	Specials.....	570

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		MESSANGER ARTICLES DUE	
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS CONFERENCES	
		ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING -----	6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	No CONFIRMATION CLASS	
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE-----	10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		POBLO -----	12:30 - 3:00 P.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead one Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall on the topic: *God's Story and Our Story*. A second Bible Class, *Marriage: God's Design for Intimacy*, led by Lois Barr meets in the south section of the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in the study of God's Word.

STEWARSHIP — The 2014 Stewardship Campaign entitled *Joyful Giving* is underway. Please return your pledge form for 2015 after prayerfully deciding your cheerful response to God's blessings. We will dedicate your promises on December 7.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP — On this Thursday, November 27, gather with us to express your thanksgiving and praise to God in our public worship scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Bring someone outside our congregation with you.

BRING BELL NEXT SUNDAY — We ring in the new church year next Sunday.

POINSETTIA — Would you like to help decorate the church with a poinsettia this year? The cost is \$11.50. Use the sheet on the table in the narthex to sign up by December 14. Please indicate whether you would like to leave the poinsettia or take it with you.

ADVENT CAROLS AND READINGS — Thursday, December 4, 7:00 P.M. To help everyone attend the Advent Carols and Readings service, we are serving supper at Mount Olive from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. that evening. I know you're out there...all you great cooks, closet gourmet chefs and kitchen cowboys...it's time to show-off your latest recipe! There will be no charge for the meal. If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas Food Baskets for Mount Olive families, that would be appreciated. If you would like to bring a crock-pot of soup or a dessert...or would like to lend a hand with preparation, serving or everybody's favorite, clean-up, please contact Galen Behr.

November 23, 2014 (A)

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

YOUTH AT DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING — Emily Johnson, Alexia Moffett, Jessica Moffett and Kelsea Townsend along with Joan Johnson, are attending the Nebraska District Youth Gathering this weekend at the Embassy Suites in LaVista.

AUTOMATIC GIVING — Simply Giving is a safe and secure way to make your Sunday morning offerings convenient and consistent through preauthorized withdrawal from your checking account at no extra cost. Your giving continues even if you can't be here. Pick up a Simply Giving brochure from Victor Padron or from the Church Office.

BABYSITTING — Parents, plan to leave your kids at Mount Olive on Sunday, December 7, from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m. The Youth Group will provide lunch, snacks and activities. A free-will donation is requested. Walk-ins are welcome! Questions? Contact Kristi Townsend at (402) 457-9611.

NEWCOMER VISITOR TEAM — Max and Linda Williams

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Men's Bible Study that has been meeting on Tuesday's nights is taking a break and will begin meeting again on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

OUR MISSIONARIES — We invite your continued prayerful and financial support of our missionaries abroad: Julie Lutz and family in Papua, New Guinea (medical missionary), and Sharon Owens and family in Macau (evangelist). Remember in prayer also our missionaries to Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha: Aman and Amel Hamid.

Praying For Our Parish in 2014

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

November 23
Melissa Lorang

November 27
Janice Eirick