

John 1:32, 3

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 19, 2020

WELCOME TO

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



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

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Lord, when I am in trouble and frightened, you lift me up and "put a new song in my mouth" (Psalm 40:3, NIV). I praise you!

Rev. Glenn Meyer Intentional Interim Pastor Rachel Misiolek Organist



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Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME Please fill out the attendance register sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 141:1-2; 144:1a, 15b

O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the baptismal grace with which we have been blessed. We have not completely shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, forgive what is sinful in our lives, and grant that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the A Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Blue 649

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

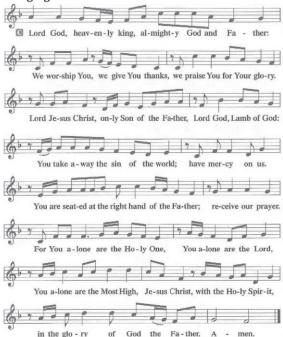
APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Congregation:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

The servant of the Lord brings light to the nations.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (shouted)

PSALM 40:1-11 (antiphon v. 3)



Cantor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.* Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the Lord.

Cantor: I waited patiently | for the Lord;* he inclined to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,* and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

Cantor:He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.* Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the Lord.

Blessèd is the man who makes the | Lord his trust,* who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!

Cantor:You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you!* I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.



Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.* Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.

Cantor: Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;* in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

I desire to do your will, | O my God;* your law is with- | in my heart."

Cantor: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congre- | gation;* behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, | O Lord.

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;* I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congre- | gation.

Cantor:As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;* your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!

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.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul's greeting to the church at Corinth.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (shouted)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain:



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

Cantor: In the Word was life, and the life was the light | of all people. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

Jesus is the Lamb of God whom others are to follow.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (shouted)

Refrain

SERMON

"Many Surprises"

Stand

Tune: Green 297

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation; Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation; Through Christ's redemption they will stand Among the glorious heav'nly band Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray, Grant us your Holy Spirit; Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit; Grant us to grow in grace each day By holy baptism, that we may Eternal life inherit.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

... Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

MEAL

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. <u>Visitors</u>, 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

Choir

You Are the Light

Based on Isaiah 40 in a setting by John Helgen

There's a voice that's calling out in the desert,
"Get ready for the coming of the Lord!"

God will come to earth in pow'r, no one knows the day nor hour.

Peace and justice will be restored.

Ev'ry valley will be lifted higher, the mountains and the hills be brought low; And the glory of the Lord will be seen in all the world. God has said that it will be so.

You are light, the light for our darkness. You are peace, peace in our hearts. You are love, the love for all people. You are the light. Yes, you are the light! You bring peace, you bring love and joy!

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father.

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of You gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

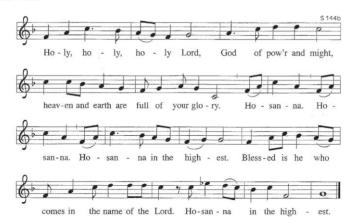
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed. . . their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy,...the Lord's death until He comes.



Therefore, O God. . .the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now we pray . . all Your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers . . now and forever.



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

The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world. Amen.

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 their 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



Here I Am, Lord Blue 752

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It Verse 1- cantor

God's own child, I gladly say it; I am baptized into Christ! He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price. Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ! I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ! Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed. Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled, And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this life-long comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Hail to the Lord's Annointed

Green 87

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free, To take away transgression And rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth; And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth. Before him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring; All nations shall adore him His praise all people sing. To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend; His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Blue 650

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God...

We are dancing in the light of God...

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY — The Third Sunday after Epiphany (Year A): Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-19 (10-14); 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

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	Jill Clausen, Dixie Gerhart
LECTOR	Max Williams
GUEST PASTOR	Rev. Dr. Orville Walz
*** Last Sunday	AT MOUNT OLIVE ★★★

Visitors Last Sunday - 12

** This Week at Mount Olive **			
TODAY	Worship9:00 A.M.		
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR 10:20 A.M.		
	CHILI COOK-OFF AND POTLUCK 11:30 A.M.		
	No Confirmation Class		
	Messenger Articles Are Due		
TUESDAY	Women's Bible Study6:00 P.M.		
WEDNESDAY	MEN'S GROUP6:00 P.M.		
	CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 P.M.		
SUNDAY	Worship9:00 A.M.		
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR10:20 A.M.		
	No Confirmation Class		

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR — Sunday School is available upstairs for children 3 years old through high school. Inquire at the Sunday School desk (near the restrooms) for more information. All others are welcome to join Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Our Guest Pastor, Rev. Dr. Orville Walz will lead our study today. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.
GUEST PASTOR — Rev. Dr. Orville Walz returns as our guest pastor today. Dr. Walz, is a 1961

- graduate of Concordia College in Seward and returned there as a professor in 1969. He was ordained as a pastor in 1982 and became Concordia College in Seward's ninth president in 1990, a position he held for 14 years. He and his wife Marilyn live in Bennington, NE.
- WHERE IS PASTOR MEYER? Pastor Meyer is on vacation with family. In case of pastoral emergency you may call the church office, one of our Lay Ministers, or our Pastor on call Rev. Steve Bartelt. Pastor Bartelt's home # is 402-496-6140, his cell # is 402-210-6626.
- CHILI COOK-OFF AND POTLUCK Join us for a Chili Cook-Off and Potluck today at 11:30 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Please speak with Jamie Jank if you have any questions.
- CONFIRMATION CLASS Students will not meek today or next Sunday. They have been given two weeks of assignments to work on with their parents/guardians.
- MESSENGER ARTICLES—If you have an item of interest to the congregation you are welcome to submit it to be included in our monthly newsletter. Submissions are due the third Sunday of the month and may be e-mailed to the church office (preferred method) or left in the church office mailbox. Please call the church office with questions.
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The Women's Bible Study group is continuing with Liz Curtis Higgs' "Really Bad Girls of the Bible." We are having a lot of fun with the stories we have been studying. Some of us have never read the Bible stories about these "Bad Girls." You are not required to read. You may chime in and take part as little or as much as you want. We ordinarily meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21. We generally start at 6 p.m. and try to wrap things up by 7:30 p.m. If you've been wanting to check the Women's Bible Study out...this is a great opportunity. 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 regarding the study, please do not hesitate to contact me...Dixie Gerhart 402-602-3252 and 402-453-6707 (night number.)
- MEN'S GROUP The Men's Group will meet Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. and continue their study He Who Dies with the Most Toys, Still Dies.
- INTERIM TASK FORCE The newly formed task force held its first meeting January 14. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at 5:30 P.M. Please speak with Pastor Meyer (402-580-2929) if you have any questions.
- PPC MEETING Our Parish Planning Council Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th has been moved to Thursday, January 30th. Starting time of 7:00 has not changed.
- FRIDAY NITE FLIX Bad weather forced us to postpone our January 10th showing of "To Kill A Mockingbird". It is re-scheduled for Friday, January 31 at 7:00 P.M. This 1962 American drama is based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name. Set in a small Alabama town in the 1930's, the story focuses on scrupulously honest, highly respected lawyer Atticus Finch, played by Gregory Peck. Finch puts his career on the line when he agrees to represent a black man accused of rape. The trial and the events are seen through the eyes of Finch's six-year-old daughter Scout. This movie runs for 2 hours and 10 minutes. Popcorn and movie candy will be provided. Dixie Gerhart (402-602-3252)
- **PEW CUSHIONS** We now have pew cushions available for any of our elderly members to use during the worship service. Please speak to one of the ushers if you have need of one.
- LUNCH GROUP The next Very Merry Unbirthday luncheon will be Wednesday, February 12.
 We are eating at Sage Bistro, 5730 N 30 (32 & Sorensen) at 11. Let's meet in the church parking lot at 10:45 and carpool. Please rsvp to Barb Stacy 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White 402-676-7334

January 19, 2020 (A)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- WINTER WEATHER As winter weather is unpredictable, please keep in mind that church operations may be impacted. If conditions are difficult, call the church office before stopping by to make sure the office is open. Likewise, if it seems possible that worship may be cancelled due to weather conditions, check one of the following sources for notification-Mount Olive's Facebook page or Mount Olive Weather Notification Group on Facebook, our website www.mountoliveomaha.com, a special edition of our Mount Olive Weekly email (sent out by Max Williams) or local news stations. Remember that your safety is more important than your attendance. Please speak to Mikale Townsend, Jr. or one of the other lay ministers if you have questions.
- HEALTH/MEDICATION COUNSELING Contact Parish Nurse, Amie Rikke (402-740-1987; airikke@hotmail.com) or Victor Padron (402-707-8311, 402-453-1045; mairangi28@gmail.com) to schedule a confidential appointment for health and medication counseling. It is available on the third Sunday of each month or by appointment.
- YOUTH GROUP—The youth group would like to try to connect with more of the congregation. If anyone is interested in hosting the youth (7 kids active) for lunch/dinner, game night, bible study, service event, career or college advice, etc., please contact Kristi Townsend. We would like to continue to provide opportunities for the youth to get to know members of the congregation. We did this a few years back and the youth and members really enjoyed them. The younger kids have heard all about playing cards, preparing a meal together and sharing life stories at past dinners and events.

Praying for Our Parish in 2020 Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.					
January 19 Chris Jacobson	January 20 Cayden Corcoran Sandra Kyle Everett Misiolek	January 21 Jill Clausen Lynne Ridner	January 23 Amy Zook	<u>January 25</u> Cody Markham	