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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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July 12, 2020

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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



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**Isaiah declares that the word of God will surely accomplish God's purpose (55:11).
May we eagerly hear God's message so we might also live it. Welcome to worship.**

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Organist



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The Word works! The Word of God is our only source of everlasting life. Through Isaiah, God explains that His Word is as effective as rain causing growth in plants. As David writes poetically, His care causes all the trees of the field to clap their hands. And the Word will work in our lives so that we will “go out in joy and be led forth in peace,” as Isaiah puts it. Indeed, Jesus, the Word in the flesh, succeeded in giving us peace and joy by rising victorious over sin, death, and the power of the devil. As a result, Paul explains in the Epistle, we are God's adopted children, calling out to Him, “Abba, Father.” But there is work for us to do! As we let the Word work through us, we can expect that, in spite of opposition of all sorts from the world, if we but hear and understand, we will certainly bear fruit for our heavenly Father.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

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GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

In the today's Epistle, Paul reminds us that "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." Let us therefore go to our gracious heavenly Father, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

In the Old Testament Reading, God promises, "My word . . . shall not return to Me empty; it shall accomplish . . . and shall succeed."

But we do not trust You in all things. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

Then God tells us, "You shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace."

But we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. Hear us, free us, and lead us in paths pleasing to You, heavenly Father.

In the Gospel, our Lord explains that "the one who hears the word and understands it . . . bears fruit." By the grace of God, we believe and understand that Jesus, the Word of God in the flesh, succeeded in destroying death and rising victorious for us. For His sake, God forgives us and uses us to bear fruit for Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Word planted inside you produce a great harvest for our gracious Lord.
Amen. Thanks be to God!

ENTRANCE HYMN

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

LSB 584

**Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

KYRIE

O Lord, **Have mercy on us.**
O Christ, **Have mercy on us.**
O Lord, **Have mercy on us, and give us Your peace.**
Amen.

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

Glory Be to God in Heaven

ELW pg. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's Word accomplishes His plan as surely as rain gives growth to plants.

The Old Testament Reading is from the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

So shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 65:1-5, 9-13 (*antiphon v. 5*)

LSB Psalm Tone G, p. xxvi



Cantor: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our sal- | vation,* the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas.

Cantor: Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,* and to you shall vows | be performed.

O you who | hears prayer,* to you shall | all flesh come.

Cantor: When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,* you atone for our trans- | gressions.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell | in your courts!

***We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your | temple!**

Cantor: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our sal- |
vation, * the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas.

**You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is
full of | water; * you provide their grain, for so you have pre- | pared it.**

Cantor: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its | ridges, * softening it with
showers, and bless- | ing its growth.

**You crown the year with your | bounty;* your wagon tracks overflow with
a- | bundance.**

Cantor: The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,* the hills gird them- | selves with
joy,

**The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck them- | selves
with grain, * they shout and sing together | for joy.**

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: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our sal- |
vation,* the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the | farthest seas.

E P I S T L E

Romans 8:12-17

Heirs with Christ. Because the Spirit leads us, we know we are children of
God.

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by
the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of
slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as
sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness
with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs
of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that
we may also be glorified with him. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

V E R S E

Isaiah 40:8

Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 13:1-23

Whoever hears the Word and understands it will produce a great harvest for God in spite of worldly opposition.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

The Purpose of the Parables

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” ¹¹ And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

“You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” ¹⁵ *For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.”*

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” (ESV)

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Stanzas 1-3

LSB 594

**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!**

SERMON

In Christ, We are the Children of God!

Text: Romans 8:12-17

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Stanzas 4, 5

LSB 594

**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!**

CATECHISM

Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 65:2-5, 9, 11

We use today's psalm as we pray for the Church around the world and all people in their various circumstance.

David writes, "O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come." Let us pray for those near and dear to us, especially all who call to God in their distress.

Heavenly Father, visit, relieve, restore, and console them in Your mercy, and use us to help meet their needs.

David writes, “When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.” Let us pray for all who are wrongly accused or imprisoned by corrupt court systems.

Lord of the nations, give them justice, clear their names, and free them; move governments to make reforms where they are needed.

And let us pray for those who have acted rashly, destroyed relationships, or run afoul of civil laws.

Lord Jesus, provide them opportunities and faithful counselors that they hear of Your mercy, repent, and repair their broken lives.

David writes, “We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple.” Let us pray for the Church here and around the world.

O Holy Spirit, bless, protect, and guide Your people as they proclaim the Gospel, and invite one and all to the joys of Your mercy, forgiveness, and love.

David writes, “By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness.” Let us pray for all who make, administer, and adjudicate their nation’s laws and seek peace across borders, and for all who serve their communities and nations by putting themselves in harm’s way.

Lord Jesus, raise up good and righteous people in positions of power, and give protection and courage to those having to make sudden decisions.

David writes, “You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it.” Let us pray for all who tend the soil, transport crops, and distribute food where it is needed.

Gracious God, send rain and sun to farms, protection to pilots and drivers, and guidance for those who manage markets; through their efforts grant that all the hungry be fed.

David writes, “You crown the year with Your bounty.” Let us pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who lack adequate clothing or shelter, and all burdened with financial debt.

O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity so that they may provide for themselves and their families, rejoicing in all Your good gifts.

Jesus invited, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” We pray for all those who grieve past losses. O Lord, grant them the peace and comfort that only You can give. O Lord, we also pray that You would grant healing and comfort to those who are suffering from mental illnesses, physical disabilities, stress, and every disease. We also pray for Your gifts of

healing and strength for Neve, Becky, Karen, Rod, Sue, Mike, Carol, Irene and Amy. We also include the many whom we continue to name before You in our hearts. Be with them and bless them according to Your holy and gracious will.

Lord, we thank You for sending the promised Holy Spirit to guide us in all of our ways. Conform our lives to the Word of God and transform us by the renewing of our minds. Guide us here at Mount Olive as we continue in the call process. Bless our Voters' Meeting which will be held later this morning. Help guide the Pre-Call meeting we are working to schedule soon with our District President: Rev. Richard Snow. Be with our next Resident Pastor and his family whom You have already chosen. Prepare him for service, and prepare us to receive and welcome him and his family. And as we wait, keep our eyes open to the present needs and opportunities for ministry in our homes and neighborhoods. Now is the day of salvation, help us to not put off till tomorrow what You would have us do today. Lord, to that end, give us all great faith and trust in You, give us courage and wisdom.

These and all other petitions and thanksgivings of our hearts we bring before You, O Lord. O Holy Spirit, move in our hearts to guide and lead us according to Your holy will. Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has also taught us to pray:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

H Y M N

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

**On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou, in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!**

**To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
And to Thy Word a blessing give.**

**Oh, grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear,
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

S E N D I N G
We Go Forth With God's Blessing To Serve.

B E N E D I C T I O N

D I S M I S S A L

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

P O S T L U D E

**To reduce particle transmission please take your bulletins with you.
Remain in the pew if you would like to receive communion.
Groups will be called forward once the table is prepared.**

Holy Communion will be offered to those present at church AFTER our recorded worship service as we will be following several health guidelines & restrictions which will make communion last much longer. Each table (one person/family group each side) will be dismissed and can then leave as the next table is prepared.

Communion will also be available in church sanctuary from 11:00 am – Noon

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NEXT SUNDAY —The 7th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 11 (Year A): Isaiah 44:6-8;
Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ASSISTING MINISTER-----Mark Sorensen
LECTOR ----- Marsha Behr

***** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

TODAY	-	WORSHIP -----	9:00 A.M.
		ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM MEETING-----	10:15 A.M.
		HOLY COMMUNION -----	11:00 A.M-NOON
		VOTERS MEETING -----	11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY		MIDWEEK WORSHIP-----	6:00 P.M.
		HOLY COMMUNION -----	7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP -----	9:00 A.M.
		ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM MEETING-----	10:15 A.M.
		HOLY COMMUNION -----	11:00 A.M-NOON

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR — We will resume our Adult Bible Class today at 10:15 in Luther Hall. Tables are set six feet apart to allow distancing. The class can be joined via a Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3912069426> Meeting ID is 391 206 9426.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK — Anniversaries: 7/13 Roland and Suzan Jank, Jr. Birthdays: 7/12 Justin Corcoran, Desirae Greenhagen, Chance Seefus, Matt Williams; 7/13 Ron Hurt, Gloria Sorensen; 7/14 Galen Behr, Roland Jank, Sr., Jessica Moffett, Judy Rath.

VOTERS MEETING — The May Voters Meeting that was postponed will be held today at 11:30 A.M.

CARD SHOWER — The family of Pastor Roland Jank, Sr. will honor his July 14th 100th birthday with a card shower. Pastor Jank is currently a resident of Immanuel Fontenelle Home in Omaha and has been a member of Mount Olive since 2004. Birthday wishes may be sent to Pastor Roland Jank, Sr., c/o Immanuel Fontenelle Home, 6809 N. 68th Plaza Room 234, Omaha, NE 68152-2117.

HOLY COMMUNION — Communion will be offered weekly following the service. All communing will remain at their seats, or standing, while Pastor leads a brief communion liturgy including the words of institution. Small paper plates will be placed on the communion rail in preparation for each table. When the table is prepared and it is time to receive communion, people will be invited to come forward one person/family group (up to 6) at a time on each side of the table. Wine & bread will be placed on the individual small paper plates before communicants step up. When communing, pastor will ask each person to pick up the cup first with one hand and the bread with the other to help minimize the risk of spilling. After each table has communed, each table will receive the words of dismissal from the pastor. Each communicant will place the empty plastic cup and plate in a prepared container.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE — In addition to our regular Sunday service, an informal worship service opportunity will now be available every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

HEALTH/MEDICATION COUNSELING — Contact Parish Nurse, **Amie Rikke** - 402-740-1987; ajrikke@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.

YOUTUBE— Sunday services and other videos will be available on the Mount Olive YouTube channel. Subscribe to our channel (Mount Olive Lutheran Church Omaha) on YouTube or by visiting our Facebook page. Our YouTube channel can also be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3HE6an5bZa1Ba0sQRIJCmQ>

July 12, 2020 (A)

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Health Safety Practices During Worship During This Pandemic:

- Know that everything has been cleaned and sanitized since the last worship service or any other event at church.
- We urge all will keep their masks on inside of church (as much as possible).
- We will keep as much fresh air entering the church as we can, depending on rain, heat, wind, insects, etc.).
- We will sit in the open pews and strive to maintain social distancing between families while we worship.
- We will not shake hands and will limit the passing of materials to only what is necessary between us.
- The offering will be received in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.
- A worship bulletin is available, please take it home with you.
- We will remain sitting during the worship service.
- The Pastor and/or Lay Minister with newly sanitized hands will have their face masks on when handling the elements for communion.
- We will not kneel for communion.
- We will try to not touch the rail during communion (only touching the bread, glass and paper plate).
- Children coming forward will receive a baptismal blessing, but a parent will make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead during the blessing. *(Words of blessing: "May the Lord bless and keep you always in His baptismal love and grace for you! You are so precious to the Lord! Go in His peace in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen)*
- After each table communes and is dismissed by the pastor, they may leave for home, as family groups, maintaining social distancing, strengthened and encouraged in God's grace and presence!

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.

July 12
Steven Kowalski

July 14
Roland Jank, Sr.