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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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



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God, thank you that by your power, small things like seeds — and faith — can grow big and strong. Nurture my growth in you always. Amen.

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Organist



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Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God's field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord's time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure.

Gathering around His Word and Table, we are assured and encouraged in His promises. His voice speaks of what will be, and in the flesh and blood of Christ, we taste the future that will come by His power and promise. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come. We know that when Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God. Keep the faith! Keep leaning on Jesus!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

To reduce particle transmission please stay seated throughout the service and maintain a six foot distance from others.

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Give ear, O Lord, to the prayers of Your people, and listen to their cry for mercy.
You, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

Lord of mercy,
we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and an abundance of mercy. We are poor sinners whose thoughts, words, and deeds betray our weakness and death. You, O Lord, are gracious and merciful and, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, You have saved us by His blood. Give to us true repentance that we know Your forgiveness and the comfort of a clear conscience. Give us also hearts made new by Your grace, that we love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves and, by Your Holy Spirit, do what is pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Through the mercy of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior, you have been made the children of God in Baptism and live because of His mercy. 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. Peace be with you.

And also with you.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

K Y R I E

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon Your people whom You have redeemed with the holy and precious blood of Your Son. Guard us against temptation, guide us with the light of Your Word, and give all things needful to us that we faithfully serve You to eternal life. **Amen.**

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, our Lord, whom the prophets promised and Mary bore, the Son of God in flesh and blood, as You once reclaimed us from darkness with Your light, so continue to reclaim us from the shadows and darkness of sin. Keep us in the grasp of Your grace that we not depart from Your truth or lose our way but remain steadfast in Your Word to the end of all our days. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, for we have no one in whom to hope but You. Comfort our hearts by Your Spirit that we endure to the day of Christ's coming and shine with the brightness of His true light all the days of our lives until, when He comes again in His glory, the darkness shall give way to light forevermore. **Amen.**

S A L U T A T I O N

PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

Is there a God besides the Lord?

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any." (ESV)

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

H Y M N

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

LSB 702

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and change-less be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around be spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears a-way,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and dis-trust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18-27

The sufferings of this present age are not worth comparing to the glory waiting to be revealed.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (ESV)

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

H Y M N

Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

TLH 396

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by man-y a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink Of pov-er-ty or woe.**

**That will not mur-mur nor complain Be-neath the chas-t'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean up-on its God;**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage with-out;
That, when in dan'ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt;**

**That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn-ful smile;
That sin's wild o-ccean can-not drown Nor Sa-tan's arts be-guile.**

**A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.**

**Lord, give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.**

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 13:24-43

Then the righteous shall shine like the sun.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

²⁴He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

³¹He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Prophecy and Parables

³⁴ All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.
(ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

H Y M N

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892

**Come, ye thankful people come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

S E R M O N

Parable of the Weeds

Text: Matthew 13:24-43

H Y M N

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892

**For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.**

C A T E C H I S M

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.

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

Let us pray . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into Your hands. . . 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

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.**

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

S E R V I C E O F T H E S A C R A M E N T

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 Him thanks and praise.
It is truly good. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. . . One God, now and forever.

Amen.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

And now, may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith until life everlasting. May God keep us all in His grace until that day we shall see Him face to face. Depart † in peace.

Amen.

**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.**

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

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NEXT SUNDAY — The 8th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 12 (Year A): Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39, Matthew 13:44-52

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mark Sorensen
LECTOR ----- Dixie Gerhart

*** 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
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

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR — We will continue 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: 7/25 **Bob and Anne Wegner**; Birthdays: 7/19 **Barb Sherrill**; 7/20 **Aaron Ridner**; 7/22 **Yo Tierney**; 7/25 **Lynne Ridner, Cindy Childers Wilbanks, Roger Wilson**.

PRE-CALL MEETING — The pre-call meeting with President Snow will be held Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 P.M. at Mount Olive. All members are invited to attend.

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>

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 20
Alexis Brown
Charly Peterson

July 21
Dan Hurt
Evelyn Misiolak

July 22
Rosemary Block

July 24
Verdell Adler

July 25
Amber Brown

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/guardian will make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead during the blessing.
- 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!