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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PR. 14)

**August 9, 2020**

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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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**We come together to "call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised" (Psalm 18:3, NRSV). All are sincerely welcomed to this service of worship and praise.**

Rev. Glenn Meyer  
Intentional Interim Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



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The Gospel stories of Jesus often have a familiarity to us that may diminish what the sacred writer wants us to understand. Simply put, there has never been any individual on this earth like Jesus. He has divine power that can heal the sick, revive the dead, and multiply bread and fish to feed multitudes. And He can even walk on water. Nobody else has ever done that. Only Jesus. As we worship and hear the Gospel account shared today, let us rediscover in Jesus our one and only Savior.

**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**

# OPENING HYMN

## Lord, to You I Make Confession *Cantor-verse 1*

LSB 608

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, with the first stanza having four numbered lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will  
3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to  
4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the  
gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,  
res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,  
deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,  
Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to  
Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my  
Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -  
Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it  
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.  
sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.  
lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.  
leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

## CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION

Our gracious God has promised to hear us for Jesus' sake when we call out for pardon and peace. Let us go to Him, confessing our sins.

*Silence for self-examination.*

Heavenly Father,  
**we admit that we have often put our own wills ahead of Yours. In our pride we have demanded reasons from You for what has gone wrong in our lives. We have not called out to You in all humility, but have relied on our own righteousness instead of asking You for mercy and grace. We have let the turmoil of the world around us distract us from keeping our lives focused on Your strong Word and the salvation it proclaims. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgive us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, move us to paths in which we may serve You and proclaim Your saving Word to those who do not know Your loving promises.**

Although God's Law condemns us in our fallen condition, with all our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, He has promised that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 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.**

## H Y M N

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the everliving,  
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

#### KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Job 38:4-18**

God tells Job of His lordship over all creation.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God

shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. (ESV)

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

**PSALM 18:1-6** (*antiphon v. 46*)



Cantor: The Lord lives, and blessed | be my rock,\* and exalted be the God of my sal- |  
 vation.

Cantor: I | love you,\* O | Lord, my strength.

**The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer,\* my God, my  
 rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my |  
 stronghold.**

Cantor: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy | to be praised,\* and I am saved from my |  
 enemies.

**The cords of death en- | compassed me;\* the torrents of destruction as- |  
 sailed me;**

Cantor: the cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;\* the snares of death con- | fronted me.

**In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I | cried for help.\* From  
 his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him | reached his ears.**

**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: The Lord lives, and blessed | be my rock,\* and exalted be the God of my sal- |  
 vation.

## EPISTLE

### **Romans 10:5-17**

Faith comes from hearing the Gospel.

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (ESV)

This the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

## VERSE

### **Matthew 14:27**

**Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia!**

## H O L Y G O S P E L

### **Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus walks on water on the Sea of Galilee.

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

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water. He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (ESV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LBW 467

**Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r, All trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

**S E R M O N**

Surprisingly Simple

Text: Romans 10:5-17

**A P O S T L E S ' C R E E D**

**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.**

**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**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LBW 259

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh refresh us; Oh refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.**

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.**

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

**H Y M N**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.**

**P R E F A C E**

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.**

**W O R D S O F I N S T I T U T I O N**

**C O M M U N I O N P R A Y E R**

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.**

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

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**NEXT SUNDAY** — The 11th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 15 (Year A): Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32, Matthew 15:21-28

\*\*\* ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY \*\*\*

**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTOR**-----Mark Flemmer  
**LECTOR** ----- Liz Matson

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**\*\*\* 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
TUESDAY		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY		MIDWEEK WORSHIP----- 6:00 P.M.
		HOLY COMMUNION----- 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY		ALL BOARDS ----- 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
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		HOLY COMMUNION----- 11:00 A.M-NOON
		MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR** — We will continue our Adult Bible Class today at 10:15 in Luther Hall. The class can also be joined via a Zoom meeting. The link to do that is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3912069426> Meeting ID is 391 206 9426.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK** — Anniversaries: 8/13 **Andrew & Cindy Wheeler**, Birthdays: 8/10 **Mike McGrath**, 8/12 **Jaymee Corcoran**, 8/14 **Nathan Jank**

**PRE-CALL MEETING** — The pre-call meeting with District President Richard Snow was held this past Wednesday. A lot of valuable information was shared which can be found on our website at [www.MountOliveOmaha.com](http://www.MountOliveOmaha.com).

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

**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>

**NEXT SUNDAY** — August 16th will be Pastor Meyer’s last Sunday with us. Thank you for your service to Mount Olive. Starting Monday, August 17 our circuit visitor, Rev. Dr. William Moorhead will serve as our part-time pastor. He will lead our worship, our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class and will begin a Wednesday morning Bible Study on September 2 at 10:00 A.M.

**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.

August 9  
Galen Behr

August 10  
Tyler Fitzgarrald  
Mike McGrath

August 12  
Lincoln Anderson

August 14  
Dan Ekfelt

August 15  
Kathy Rawson  
Linda Williams