



Even the
DOGS
eat the crumbs
That fall
from their
master's
table

~ Unnamed Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:27

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PR. 15)

August 16, 2020

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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



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The earth has yielded its increase” (Psalm 67:6). In late summer days, as gardens and fields ripen, we gather to praise our generous God! Welcome.

Rev. Glenn Meyer
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Organist



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The earthly ministry of Jesus was for the most part in a restricted geographical area. For the three years of His public work, He traveled in the area of Judea and Galilee with a singular sojourn through Samaria. But at least on one occasion, He went beyond familiar boundaries north to the district of Tyre and Sidon, in what today is Lebanon. There He brought healing for the daughter of a Canaanite woman, a person seen as a Gentile and an inferior by the Jews of His home area. The love of Jesus broke down barriers and reached across divides. As people who have been sought out by Jesus, we seek ways to extend His love as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. Today, as well, the love of Jesus can break down barriers and reach across divides.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

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GATHERING
We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
Amen.

As you believe, so let it be. 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.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King:
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.**

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

INTROIT (Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon v. 8)

The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1-8

God's house of prayer is for all people.

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely separate me from his people"; and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I am a dry tree." For thus says the Lord: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Verses 1-4

LSB 528

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread though all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-32

God will have mercy on both Jew and Gentile.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree. Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. (ESV)

This the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

H Y M N

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Verses 5-7

LSB 528

**Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.**

V E R S E

Psalm 147:2-3

**Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 15:21-31

Jesus heals the daughter of a beseeching woman.

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

Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there. And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the

blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel. (ESV)

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

H Y M N

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

S E R M O N

The Response & Witness of Faith

Text: Matthew 15:21-31

H Y M N

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

LBW 419

**Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.**

**Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.**

**Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will crucify my Lord anew.**

**Give me thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.**

**With thine own love may I be filled and by thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by thee.**

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

Let us pray . . . In Your great mercy,
Hear us, O God.
Into Your loving hands. . . Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

All other petitions . . . 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.**

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ . . .until he comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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

DISMISSAL

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

RITE OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED (See insert)

HYMN (See insert)

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ALH 650

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NEXT SUNDAY — The 12th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 16 (Year A): Isaiah 51:1-6;
Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-12:8, Matthew 16:13-21

August 16, 2020 (A)

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ASSISTING MINISTER-----Mikale Townsend, Jr.
LECTOR----- Liz Matson

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

TODAY	WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
	RECEPTION/ZOOM MEETING ----- 10:15 A.M.
	HOLY COMMUNION ----- 11:00 A.M-NOON
WEDNESDAY	MIDWEEK WORSHIP ----- 6:00 P.M.
	CONFIRMAND/ PARENT MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM MEETING ----- 10:15 A.M.
	MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR — We will hold a farewell reception today at 10:15 in Luther Hall. It 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: 8/20 **Gary & Shannon Peterson**, Birthdays: 8/16 **Ben Wismont**, 8/17 **Lorraine Irwin**, 8/20 **Josh Callahan**, 8/21 **Klara Jank, Keh'Lani Hatten**

ALTAR FLOWERS — Today's flowers are given by the congregation in thanksgiving for Pastor Meyer's service to Mount Olive.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE — In addition to our regular Sunday service, an evening worship service with Holy Communion is now be available every Wednesday 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>

THIS WEEK — Today is Pastor Meyer's last Sunday with us. Thank you for your service to Mount Olive. Starting tomorrow our circuit visitor, Rev. Dr. William Moorhead will serve as our part-time vacancy pastor. He will lead our Sunday 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 16
Jim Zulfer

August 19
Chesney Kosch
Chance Seefus

August 22
Sara Embree
Ashley Spracklin