

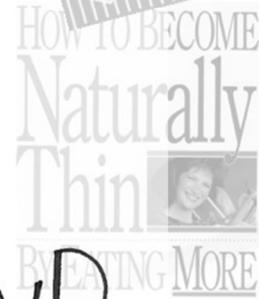
S&P 500 Notches Longest Weekly Winning Streak of 2020

The S&P 500 edged toward a fresh high Friday and logged a fourth consecutive winning streak of the year.

NFL remains highly optimistic that season will happen, less optimistic fans will be in stands

You are a
STUMBLING
BLOCK TO ME
for you are not
setting your MIND
on the things
of GOD
but on
HUMAN
concerns

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ENQUIRER

EXCLUSIVE DETAILS

Ben Affleck And Jen Garner's Street Fight!

Exes go at it over his partying and family photo ops, sources

Matthew 16:23

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PR. 17)

August 30, 2020

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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Jesus calls us to deny self and follow him in the way of the cross. May this worship strengthen us to serve our neighbors in love. Welcome.

The Rev. Dr. William G. Moorhead
Vacancy Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

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

G A T H E R I N G
We Enter God's Presence.

I N V O C A T I O N

O P E N I N G P R A Y E R

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silence for meditation and self-reflection.

Gracious Lord,

we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake
Verses 1, 4 & 5

LBW 455

**"Come, follow me," the Savior spake," All in My way abiding
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take My example for your guide."**

**"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation;
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed,
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

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

PSALM 26

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.
I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.
I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.
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.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21 (*NRSV*)
Live in harmony.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. (Eph. 1:17, 18)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28 (*NRSV*)

The cruciform pattern of the disciple's life.

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

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

S E R M O N

That's Life!

Text: Matthew 16:18 & 23

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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LBW 364

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Confident of your care. . . Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
In the certain hope. . . Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Instrumental reflection for ending of on-line service and preparation of Communion.

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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 our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

S A N C T U S

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, . . . Your holy church now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
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 your 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.

Please stay masked as you come forward in groups of three when directed to do so by the Lay Minister. Avoid kneeling or touching the communion rail. Dispose of cup and plate in containers provided.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

We Go Forth With God's Blessing To Serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

When departing the Sanctuary please allow the pews in the back to leave first. Use side aisles as needed to maintain social distancing and avoid congregating in the hallways.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

ELW 783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

To reduce particle transmission please take your bulletins with you.

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NEXT SUNDAY — The 14th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 18 (Year A): Ezekial 33:7-9;
Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

CANTOR ----- Kailyn Townsend
LAY MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
LECTOR----- Liz Matson

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20 A.M.
TUESDAY	CONFIRMAND PARENT/STUDENT MEETING ----- 6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	BIBLE STUDY ----- 10:00 A.M.
	MIDWEEK WORSHIP ----- 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP/PASTOR MOORHEAD INSTALLATION---9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR — Adult Bible Class and Fellowship will take place today at 10:20 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.

INSTALLATION — Pastor Moorhead will be installed as our part-time vacancy pastor at the Sunday, September 6 worship service. Nebraska District President Richard Snow will be here to preach and perform the installation.

CONFIRMATION PARENT/STUDENT MEETING — Confirmation parents and students will meet with Galen Behr Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m. here at Mount Olive. Any questions should be directed to Galen at 402-981-2667.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS — Pastor Moorhead will begin a Wednesday morning Bible Study on September 2 at 10:00 A.M. Call the church office for details.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE — In addition to our regular Sunday service, an evening worship service with Holy Communion is now available every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

CALL COMMITTEE — The Mount Olive Call Committee is accepting Pastoral nominations for consideration for our call list until Sunday, September 6th. Forms are available on our website and in the church office. Please contact the committee chair, Mike Townsend, Jr. (402-689-3059) or Pastor Moorhead (402-651-2239) with any questions.

DEVOTIONALS AND MAGAZINES — New issues of *Daily Devotions* (for families), *LWML Quarterly*, *Our Daily Bread* and *The Lutheran Message* are available on the table at the back of the church. We have also received notification that *Hope-Full Living* has ceased publication.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Back by popular demand! (Sure, let's go with that.) Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept 9. We are switching to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. You are not required to read. You may chime in and take part as little or as much as you want. 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. If you want more information regarding the study, please do not hesitate to contact me...**Dixie Gerhart** 402-453-6707.

VOTERS MEETING — Our September 13 Voters Meeting will meet in person at 11:30 a.m. in Luther Hall. You may also attend through our Zoom link.

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Men's Group will begin meeting in person September, 16. More details to follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — At this time the decision has been made to postpone the beginning of Sunday School until Sunday, November 1. This corresponds with what Omaha Public Schools are doing. Any changes will be publicized in the bulletin, weekly e-mail and monthly newsletter.

CHOIR POSTPONED — Due to Covid-19 the choir season will be postponed. A tentative start date of November has been set.

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>

PROJECT HOPE — The Project Hope Miniature Golf Event scheduled for today has been cancelled. You may still support Project Hope with a donation through their website [www.https://projecthopeomaha.org/](https://projecthopeomaha.org/) or their Facebook page.

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.

September 1
Rich Wismont

September 2
Miri Peterson
Roger Wilson

September 4
Michael Wegner