

Where two or
three are
gathered
together
in my
Name

there I am there I am there I am there I am there I am

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Matthew 18:20

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(PR. 18)
September 6, 2020

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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God, this Labor Day weekend, I thank you for the work to which you have called me —
at home and beyond. May I glorify you in all I do.

The Rev. Dr. William G. Moorhead
Vacancy Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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 PRAYER

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 ABSOLUTIO N

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgement on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LBW 551

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!**

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 32:1-7 *(antiphon v. 1)*



Cantor: Blesséd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,* whose sin is | covered.

Cantor: Blesséd is the man against whom the Lord counts no in- | iquity,* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away* through my groaning | all day long.

Cantor: For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me,* my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;* I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

Cantor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;* you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

**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: Blesséd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,* whose sin is | covered.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1-10

Our responsibilities to civil authorities.

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor: In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself,* entrusting the message
of reconcilia- | tion to us. (*2 Cor. 5:19*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 18:1-20

Who is the greatest?

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

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire. Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

S E R M O N

Watchman/Watchmen

Text: Ezekiel 33:7-9

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

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.**

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.**

I N S T A L L A T I O N O F R E V . W I L L I A M G . M O O R H E A D

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

Let us pray for . . . Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Hear us, O Lord. . . Now and forevermore.
Amen

Instrumental Interlude.

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'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

You are indeed holy, . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R

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.

I N V I T A T I O N

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

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. Avoid kneeling or touching the communion rail. Dispose of cup and plate in containers provided.

D I S T R I B U T I O N M U S I C

Lamb of God Cantor

In All Our Grief WOV 739

In all our grief and fear we turn to you. O God, you know all that we think or do, you know the pain we put each other through.

Refrain: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, grant us peace.

Help us to put aside the angry word, the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt. Teach us the way in which love best is served. *Refrain*

You did not even spare your only Son, He lived our griefs and bore all evil done, but through his cross, redemption has been won. *Refrain*

God, when we suffer all that we can bear, then let us know that you in truth are near and will not leave us lost in all our fear. *Refrain*

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV 783

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.**

Father Welcomes All His Children
Congregation–Refrain, Cantor–Verses

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His Children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For my kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin.

Refrain

In the water, in the Word, In His promise be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again.

Refrain

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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

Christ Be My Leader

Tune: Slane (469)

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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 15th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 19 (Year A): Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Albert Hogue
CANTOR----- Sarah Callahan
LAY MINISTER----- Paul Whitmore
LECTOR----- Mark Sorensen

September 6, 2020 (A)

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*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20 A.M.
MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY	BOOK CLUB----- 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	BIBLE STUDY ----- 10:00 A.M.
	MIDWEEK WORSHIP----- 6:00 P.M.
	WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY ----- 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM-----10:20-11:20A.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 10:30 A.M.
	VOTERS ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.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 is being installed as our part-time vacancy pastor today. The red stole that he is wearing today was a gift from a friend who accompanied the Moorheads on their 2005 trip to the Holy Land. It was made by an artisan whose store was very near The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. The stole can be "flipped", the other side being white, but of identical design. The photographer today is Pastor and Martha's granddaughter, Zoie Stirn, from Lawrence, Kansas and the Altar Flowers are given today by the Moorheads. Nebraska District President Richard Snow will preach and perform the installation.

CALL COMMITTEE — Today is the last day to submit Pastoral nominations for consideration for our call list! 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.

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.

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.

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.	
<u>September 10</u> Marsha Behr	<u>September 12</u> Tamra Moffett