

that your
LOVE
may abound
more
and more

Philippians 4:9

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(PR. 23)
October 11, 2020

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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“O LORD ... we will exalt you, we will praise your name” (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV).
Welcome, friends, as we gather to exalt and praise God.

The Rev. Dr. William G. Moorhead
Vacancy Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about the great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

To reduce particle transmission please stay seated throughout the service and maintain a minimum 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.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 9:2; 33:20–22; 122:1*

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Our soul waits for the LORD;

He is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LBW 210

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious king,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we him, whose love divine Gives his sacred blood for wine,
Gives his body for the feast-- Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: 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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord will prepare a feast of victory.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 23

A Loving Shepherd Is My Lord

**A loving Shepherd is my Lord, Supplying all I need.
With faith and joy I follow on Wherever He may lead.**

**Through pastures green, by gentle streams, With goodness for each day,
The journey of my life proceeds Along the Shepherd's way.**

**My soul restored, I travel on Within the Shepherd's care.
On paths of righteousness I find New blessings ev'rywhere.**

**My Shepherd for His sheep provides, Anoints, and soothes, and calms;
Calls each by name and bears His lambs Securely in His arms.**

**In mercy, my Good Shepherd brings His sheep in safety home.
All that I ever need is mine Because I am His own.**

S E C O N D L E S S O N

Philippians 4:4-13

Contentment with whatever the Lord promises.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation–refrain, Cantor-verse

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

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

Cantor: This is the Lord for whom | we have waited; * let us be glad and rejoice in | God's salvation. (*Isaiah 25:9*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the wedding banquet.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

S E R M O N

Throwing a Party Shouldn't Be Hard

Text: Matthew 22:1-4

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

Now We Join in Celebration

LBW 203

**Now we join in celebration At our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, Clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, Putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, With his very life to feed us.**

**Lord, as round this feast we gather, Fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing Are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, Of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence, Foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**

**Lord, we share in this communion As one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother, One in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, Serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy Till you come in final glory.**

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

With the full confidence . . . Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.
Listen as we call . . . of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

M E A L
We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

OFFERTORY

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

ELW 531

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

**Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.**

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.**

Refrain

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.**

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our
selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

P R E F A C E

S 199

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

S 200

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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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



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



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.

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 when directed to do so. Avoid kneeling or touching the communion rail. At the Pastor's direction remove the seal and eat the bread, flip the cup, remove the seal and drink the wine. Dispose of cup and seals in containers provided.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 201

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Come, Let Us Eat
Cantor-lines 1 and 3, Congregation-lines 2 and 4

LBW 214

Come let us eat for now the feast is spread,
Come let us eat for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest,
In his presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's might Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's might Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

We Are Called

ELW 720

Come! Live in the light! Shine with joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be the light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more.

Refrain

Sing! A new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

WOV 801

Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest thine the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.

Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was lost lifted high.

Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonderful surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

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

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

LBW 221

**Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave,
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ry-day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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 20th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 24 (Year A): Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

LAY MINISTER----- Galen Behr
LECTOR ----- Marsha Behr
CANTOR ----- Mark Flemmer
ACOLYTE ----- Alexis Brown

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
 ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM ----- 10:20-11:20 A.M.
 CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 10:30 A.M.
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.
SUNDAY WORSHIP -----9:00 A.M.
 ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM -----10:20-11:20A.M.
 CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 10:30 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES — **Adult Bible Class and Fellowship** will take place today at 10:20 in Luther Hall. Pastor Moorhead will discuss the Gospel Reading for today. 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. **Youth Confirmation Class** meets Sunday mornings from 10:30–noon. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is offered every Wednesday at 10:00 in Luther Hall. The discussion is recorded and available on our YouTube and Facebook sites. **Women's**

Bible Study takes place the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 P.M. They are currently studying Ruth. **Children's Sunday School** is currently on hold. For more information on any of these groups please see the monthly newsletter, *The Mount Olive Messenger*.

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.

OVERFLOW SEATING — Our service is also being streamed in Luther Hall for anyone who would prefer more social distancing.

HOLY COMMUNION — We are now using pre-packaged bread and wine. If you would like to commune without consuming alcohol please speak to an usher or the Lay Minister.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK — Anniversaries: 10/12 Tom & Pat Trusty, Birthdays: 10/13 Karen Lorang, 10/14 Sharon McDonald.

MEN'S GROUP — The Men's Group will begin meeting soon. Contact Tim Lorang at 402-578-8338 for details.

DOOR OFFERING — Brian & Amie Rikke's son (David) and daughter-in-law (Sarah) suffered a house fire. A door offering will be collected on their behalf today. We hope to get some additional help from Thrivent. Whether you donate at church or mail an offering in please make your check payable to Mount Olive and notate "David & Sarah Rikke Fund".

PROJECT HOPE THANKSGIVING — Mount Olive has been asked to help donate 200 spice cake mixes and 200 15oz. cans of pumpkin. If you have difficulty finding these items you may substitute carrot cake mix and 15 oz. jar of applesauce. Please place your grocery items in the box marked Project Hope in the lobby of the church (near the restrooms). You can also contribute financially by going to the Project Hope website at www.ProjectHopeOmaha.org or by putting an offering in the plate marked "Project Hope Thanksgiving". Contributions will be delivered November 2nd. **UPDATE:** We have collected 49 cake mixes and 55 cans of pumpkin so far.

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>

October 11, 2020 (A)

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

October 12
Adela Jank

October 14
Keh'Lani Hatten
Sarah Webb

October 14
Justin Corcoran

October 15
Jaymee Corcoran

October 16
Jaxton Corcoran

