

The Kingdom's Ours Forever

REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25, 2020

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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Where we are rightly following you, Lord, keep us strong; where we are in the wrong, healing Spirit, please reform us.

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Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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 46:1a, 2a; Romans 3:23–24a; John 8:31b–32*

God is our refuge and strength;
Therefore we will not fear.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
And are justified by His grace as a gift.

If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lord of hosts,

Hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. As your 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. The LORD of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LBW 228

**A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe, Sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
Jesus Christ, our Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.
This world's prince may rage, In fierce war engage.
He is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
If they take our house, Goods, fame, child or spouse,
Wrench our life away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!**

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

Revelation 14:6-7

The eternal Gospel is for all people.

Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth to every nation and tribe and language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come; and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 46

The Lord of Hosts Is with Us

Refrain: Cantor—one time

Congregation—one time

The LORD of hosts is with us, the God of Ja-cob our
strong - hold, the God of Ja-cob our strong - hold.

Cantor: *God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present | help in trouble.*

Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the
mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;
though its waters | rage and foam,* and though the mountains tremble | at its
tumult.*

The Lord of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.*

Refrain-Congregation

Cantor: *There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy
habitation of | the Most High.*

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown; God shall help her
at the | break of day.*

The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken; God has
spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.*

The Lord of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.*

Refrain-Congregation

Cantor: *Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,* what awesome things he
has | done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;* he breaks the bow, and
shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;* I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted | in the earth.”
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.
The Lord of | hosts is with us;* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold*
Refrain-Congregation

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

The goodness God demands, He gives, by grace through faith.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

G O S P E L A C C L A M A T I O N

S 198a

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

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

Cantor: If you continue in my word, you are truly | my disciples,* and you will know the truth, and the truth will | make you free. (John 8:31-32)

H O L Y G O S P E L

John 8:31-36

Jesus comes to give freedom to those enslaved by sin.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

S E R M O N

The Truth Will Set You Free

Text: John 8:31-36

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LBW 230

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church. . . Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, . . . 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.**

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.**

PREFACE

S 199

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

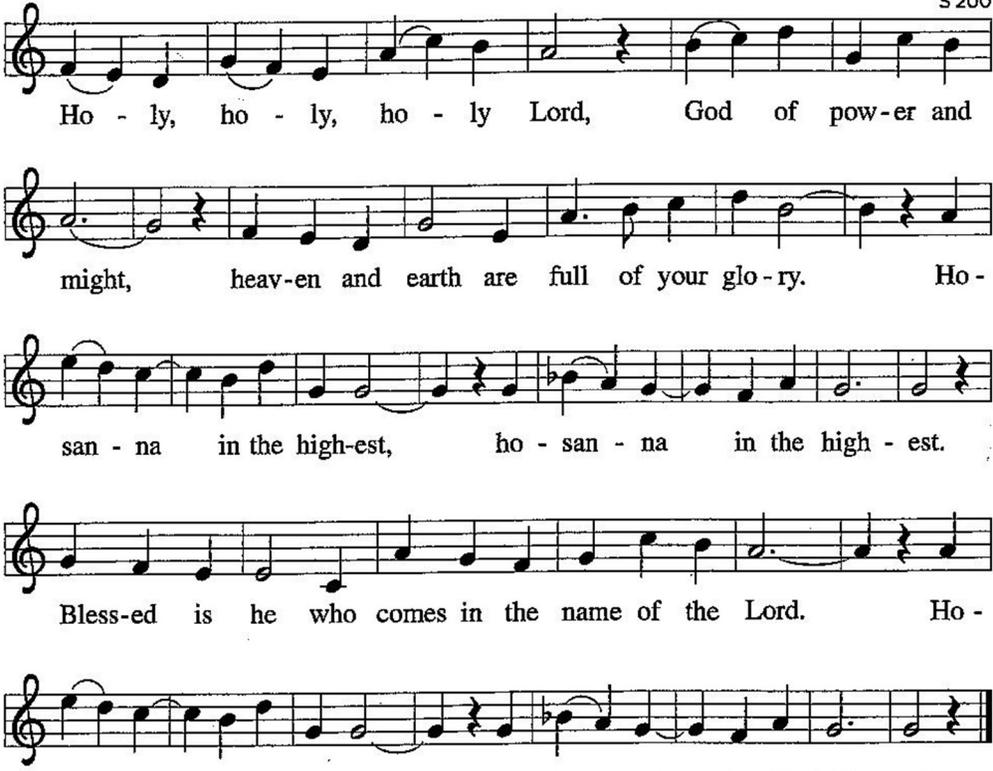
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

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.



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.

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.

Saved By Grace

Tune: Marion

**By Grace through faith in Christ we live and trust in Him.
Christ came to save us from our sin; in Him we know we win!
By grace, thru faith, we're saved by Jesus Christ.**

**By Faith the just shall live, the faith God's Spirit gives.
Our dark, dead souls He does revive: in Christ we are alive!
By grace, thru faith, we're saved by Jesus Christ.**

**God's word gives hope and joy and points us to the Son.
All those who hear the Savior's voice have reason to rejoice!
By grace, thru faith, we're saved by Jesus Christ.**

Amazing Grace

LBW 448

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

Built on a Rock

WOV 734

**Built on the Rock the Church shall stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.**

**Not in our temples made with hands God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
High in the heav'ns His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above Deigns to abide with us in love.
Making our bodies His temple.**

**We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation;
He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, Granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek His face, He in their midst would show His grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.**

**Yet in this house, an earthly frame, Jesus the children is blessing;
Hither we come to praise His name, Faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us His Spirit sent, Making with us His covenant,
Granting His children the Kingdom.**

**Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's Word Where He this promise is bringing;
I know My own, My own know Me; You, not the world, My face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen.**

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

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

LBW 297

**Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our mediator.**

**Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

**All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace; All glory to his merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

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 — All Saint's Day (Year A): Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149,
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

*** 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	PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL- ----- 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. **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 — If our worship space looks too crowded for your comfort, ask an usher or Max Williams to stream the service live for you in Luther Hall.

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.

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL — will meet Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00p.m.in Luther Hall. Attend in person or via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3912069426> Meeting ID is 391 206 9426.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK — Anniversaries:10/27 Keith and Debbie Fly. Birthdays: 10/25 Ray Hogan, Jerry Zulfer, 10/27 Mckoy Kosch, 10/28 Mikale Townsend, Sr., 10/29 Betsy Kosch, Jeff Misiolek.

PASTORAL CALL LIST — The Call Committee has selected four individuals to interview . Their names and a short biography is printed out and on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy.

PROJECT HOPE THANKSGIVING — Mount Olive is accepting donations of spice cake mix and canned pumpkin for Project Hope. Please bring to church by Sunday, Nov 1. 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 90 cake mixes and 90 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/MountOliveLutheranChurch>.

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 25

Klara Jank
Eleanor Misiolek

October 27

Tom Trusty

October 28

Colton Seefus

October 30

Kenzee Wheeler
Madalynn Wheeler