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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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



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**Christ Jesus, reestablish your reign in my heart every day,  
so that I live as an emissary of your love.**

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Vacancy Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgement. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, week, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

**Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases all congregational singing has been removed from our worship. To reduce particle transmission please stay seated throughout the service and maintain a minimum six foot distance from others.**

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

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.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our heavenly Father has called us to be His people. He has led us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there have been times when we have treated our fellow sheep with disdain, when we have wandered away from our Shepherd. But our Good Shepherd does not abandon us, and we confess our sins before Him and one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

Heavenly Father,  
**we confess that we have wandered away from You. We confess that we have acted shamefully toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might follow You to the green pastures and still waters of everlasting life.**

Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus searches for each one of His sheep. He brings back those who have strayed. He binds up the injured. He even lays down His life for the sheep. By Christ's death and resurrection, God forgives you all your sins. 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.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D  
We Hear God's Word.

**FIRST LESSON**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

God will shepherd Israel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** *(shouted)*

## SECOND LESSON

### **1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

Christ's resurrection assures our own.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection," it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** *(shouted)*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(spoken)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Lay Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. *(Mark 11:9)*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## H O L Y G O S P E L

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

The Son of Man separates the sheep and the goats.

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

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

[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## S E R M O N

The King Shall Come

Text: Ezekiel 34  
Matthew 25

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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

Let us pray for . . . Let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord God, heavenly Father, . . . One God, now and forever.  
**Amen**

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We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.
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## OFFERTORY

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Instrumental

*Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the master calls you; Rich reward he offers free.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I. Send me, send me"?*

*Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying And the master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"*

## 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**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 *(spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, . . All honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

**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 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**

Instrumental

**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**

The King Shall Come

Pastor Moorhead

*The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.*

*The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.*

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

**To reduce particle transmission please take your bulletins with you.**

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**NEXT SUNDAY** — The First Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 64:1-9;  
Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10

\*\*\* ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY \*\*\*

**LAY MINISTER**-----Mark Sorensen

**LECTOR**-----Max Williams

**ACOLYTE** -----Grant Wegner

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

TODAY	WORSHIP ----- 9:00 A.M.
	HEALTH AND MEDICATION COUNSELING
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20 A.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 10:30 A.M.
	DECEMBER <u>MESSANGER</u> ARTICLES DUE
WEDNESDAY	BIBLE STUDY ----- 10:00 A.M.
	MIDWEEK WORSHIP ----- 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP ----- 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP ----- 9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20 A.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 10:30 A.M.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES — Adult Bible Class and Fellowship** will take place today in Luther Hall. Pastor Moorhead will discuss the Gospel. 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 live in Luther Hall and recorded and available on our YouTube and Facebook sites. **Women’s Bible Study** 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*.

**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.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK** — Anniversaries: 11/24 Jeff & Rachel Misiolek, 11/28 Nathan & Jamie Jank. Birthdays: 11/22 Lillia Jank, Jace Kromka, 11/23 Aurora

Wismont, 11/24 Henry Hagen, 11/26 Mikale Townsend, Jr., 11/28 Dixie Gerhart, Kelsea Shulewitz.

**CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** — As positive cases of COVID-19 rise in the Omaha area we encourage you to worship with us remotely. Sunday Worship will continue but if you have symptoms, are in contact with anyone with symptoms, or are in a high risk category please stay home and follow along on our YouTube channel (see below for more information). We will not sing any part of the service. Wednesday night services will continue.

**PASTORAL CALL LIST** — The Call Committee has interviewed three of the four pastors chosen from the list provided to us from the district office. The names and a short biography is printed out and on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy.

**STEWARDSHIP** — The annual Stewardship emphasis takes place throughout November. Please complete a new “My Resume for Jesus” which is an updated time and talent survey and 2021 pledge form. Forms may be placed in the Pledge Box in the back of the church, given to an usher or mailed to the church office. We will be collecting them through the month of November. Please contact Director of Stewardship, Max Williams with any questions.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** — Annual Thanksgiving Day Worship will be held via a Zoom meeting this Thursday at 10:00 A.M. If we have your email address you will receive an invitation. Join us either through the email invitation or at the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7711812192?pwd=bmpkUIFUTVZ6UHIvZTNhMFh6eldVdz09>  
Meeting ID is 771 181 2192 and Passcode is 624761

**RING IN THE NEW YEAR** — Remember to bring a bell next week to help ring in the new church year.

**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>.

**WINTER WEATHER**-As winter weather is unpredictable, please keep in mind that church operations may be impacted. Monday through Thursday, if conditions are difficult, call the church office before stopping by to make sure the office is open. Likewise, if it seems possible that worship may be cancelled due to weather conditions, check one of the following sources for notification-Mount Olive’s Facebook page or Mount Olive Weather Notification Group on Facebook, our website [www.mountoliveomaha.com](http://www.mountoliveomaha.com), a special edition of our Mount Olive Weekly email or local news stations. Remember that your safety is more important than your attendance. Please speak to **Mikale Townsend, Jr.** or one of the other lay ministers if you have questions.

**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.

November 22  
William Kowalik

November 23  
Melissa Lorang

November 26  
Teagan Larson

November 27  
Janice Eirick