



THE KINGDOM
of GOD IS LIKE
A MUSTARD SEED

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June 14, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 6)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816



Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.
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**Welcome to Mount Olive Lutheran Church as we gather for worship and
Christian fellowship this morning.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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“The kingdom of heaven is like . . .” Jesus used this phrase many times in His teaching and preaching, with the images of seeds and growth as one of His common metaphors. From the seemingly miraculous action of a tiny seed with tremendous growth, to what the Lord speaks in a beautiful promise of a divine planting and producing He Himself will provide for His people, we are today drawn to the Scriptures, the faith He has planted and grown in us through His Spirit, and the ultimate fulfillment found in Jesus Christ alone. May God grant seed, nurture, growth, and good fruit to each of us as we worship Him today.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

O God the Father, Creator of our bodies, planter and nurturer of all that grows,
we gather in Your holy name.

O God the Son, the Seed of our salvation, planted in death embodying our sin
and resurrected to life again with a glorified body,
we gather in Your holy name.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sower of faith and Sanctifier of our bodies,
we gather in Your holy name.

Hear us and grant us Your presence as we worship as Your Body, Your Church.
Receive our prayers and praise for Your name's sake. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Ezekiel 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-7, 10; Philippians 3:21)*

Merciful God, as we gather as one Body yet many members, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, that our thoughts words, and deeds are always impure, and we ask for Your forgiveness. As You alone “bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish,” we have at times impeded the growth You desire and have failed to trust in You.

We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord.

We have not always been confident being away from You as we are at home in the body.

We have lived more by sight than by faith, trusting ourselves more than You. Forgive us, Lord.

We have sought to increase pleasures of this body and life, without regard to building for our eternal life. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

We are sorry for our sin and come to You in true repentance.

We live by faith, not by sight, and in confident faith we have the free gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. His death in the body means new life in ours. His victory over death means our freedom now and eternally. For His sake, God forgives us all our sins. I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

Green 532

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art! (*repeat*)**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

Refrain

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

Refrain

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"**

Refrain

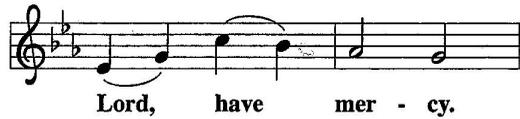
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



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.



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



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 1 (*antiphon v. 6*)



Cantor: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Cantor: Blesséd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,* nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;

but his delight is in the law | of the Lord,* and on his law he meditates | day and night.

Cantor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.* In all that he does, he | prospers.

The wicked | are not so,* but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

Cantor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,* nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.

for the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (11-17)

In Christ, a new creation.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. for in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

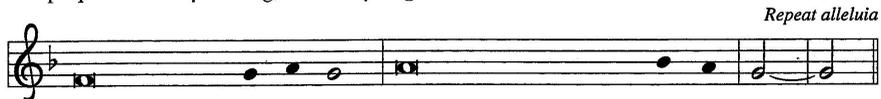
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



Cantor: Welcome with meekness the im- | planted word* that has the power to | save
your souls. (*James 1:21*)

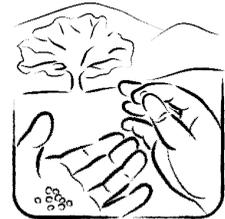
HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

Two parables about seeds.

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

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



[Jesus] also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Stand

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

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Green 189

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
As living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

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

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

. . . through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Blessed Assurance
setting, Greg Bottomley

Piano

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

P R E F A C E

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

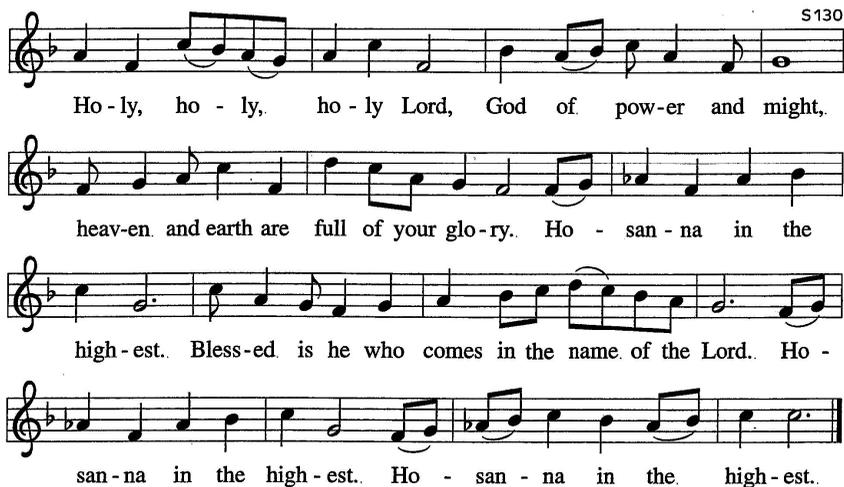
We lift them to the Lord.

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. 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.

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

Holy God, mighty Lord, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

Therefore, gracious Father, . . . the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers . . . until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



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

LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven....

Sit

INVITATION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
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. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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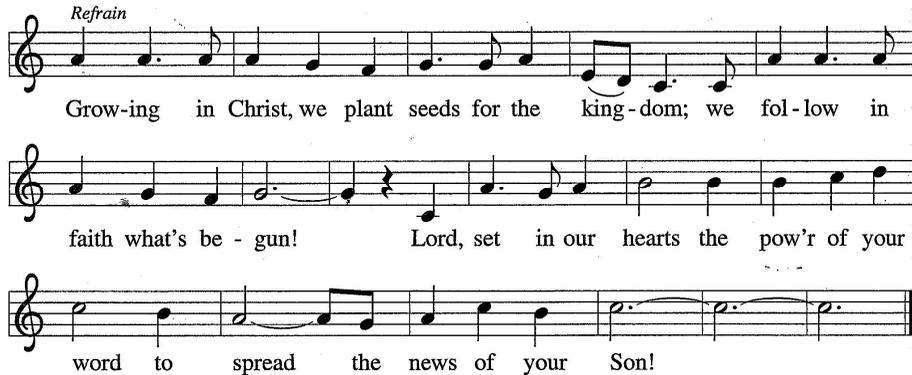
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Build Us Up, Lord

Cantor: Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.
Lead us to do your holy will; form and shape your new creation.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,
Help us to share your love with the world: ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

Congregation

Refrain



Grow-ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king-dom; we fol-low in
faith what's be-gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your
word to spread the news of your Son!

Cantor: Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect your glory.
Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world your story.
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for you,
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

Refrain

(same as above)

For the Fruit of All Creation

Blue 760

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Year B): Job 38:1-11; Psalm 124;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE -----Desirae Greenhagen
ASSISTING MINISTER-----Steve Kowalski
CANTOR -----Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Adam Behr, Irene Yeck
LECTOR----- Marsha Behr
PREACHER ----- Max Williams

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	122	Bible Class	24
Communion.....	94	Offering	3503
Sunday School	14	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	8	Specials	80

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 3

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY - LIFETOUCH PICTORICAL PICTURES --2:00 - 9:00 P.M.
 CITIZENSHIP & LAB----- 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 6:00 P.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank continues leading the Adult Bible Class through St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

ALTAR FLOWERS — The flowers in the chancel this morning are in celebration of Irene Yeck’s 75th birthday from her family. The family would also like to invite you to celebrate with cake right after worship and before Bible class begins.

THANK YOU — Thank you to Max Williams for proclaiming God’s Word among us today.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING — This Thursday, June 18, 6:00. We ask all officers, Board directors, and Board coordinators to attend.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY — Remember your picture appointment this Wednesday, June 17, from 2-9 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Dixie Gerhart, 402-453-6707.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION — Galen Behr and Pastor Jank represented Mount Olive at the triennial Nebraska District Convention this past Friday and Saturday at the Younes Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska. New District leadership was elected as President Russ Sommerfeld was term-limited, as was Pastor Jank in his role as District Secretary. This year’s convention theme was “In the World, Not of the World.”

June 14, 2015 (B)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VBS STAFF TRAINING — Sunday, June 28, 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served. Attendance is strongly recommended for all staff.

WEEKLY WEEDERS NEEDED — Volunteers are needed weekly to pull weeds in our church lawn on Fridays or Saturdays. Sign up in weekly increments on the sheet on the bulletin board in the north hallway. Questions? Email Paul Kosch at paul.kosch@ops.org

VOLUNTEERS — Are you interested in volunteering at the new Nelson Mandela School this fall? There is a need for volunteers to help in the library, music supervisor (no talent needed), cafeteria, reading, and much more. Some of the jobs require a background check. Call the church office at 402-455-8700 or talk to Marilyn Beig if you can help.

ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN'T TAKE VACATIONS — This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Mount Olive relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Pick up an authorization form. We thank you for your continued support!

OUR MISSIONARIES — We invite your continued prayerful and financial support of our missionaries abroad: Julie Lutz and family in Papua, New Guinea (medical missionary), and Sharon Owens and family in Macau. Note their letters on the north hall bulletin board. Remember in prayer also POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) as it seeks new missionaries to serve Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha.

VISITOR TEAM — Galen and Marsha Behr

PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED — St. Mark Lutheran Preschool at 90th Street and Blondo is growing and we need a part-time preschool teacher for the fall. For more information contact Julie Kyriess at 402-913-2255 or jkyriess@stmarkomaha.org.

Praying for Our Parish in 2015

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.

June 15

Frances Carlentine
Desirae Greenhagen
Jenna Greenhagen
Chris Monzu
Mike Townsend, Sr.
Connie Townsend
Irene Yeck

June 17

Kamree Townsend

June 18

Ben Wismont
Debbie Wismont

June 20

Easton Kosch