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July 5, 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 9)

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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Blessed by the freedom to worship God openly, we come before him in praise
and thanksgiving. Welcome!

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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As we follow Jesus on this pilgrimage toward the kingdom of God, we encounter many obstacles along the way. The temptations and attacks of the devil, the allure of and rejection by the world, as well as the comfort and tyranny of our own sinful nature, all seem to conspire together to muddle us up, beat us down, and draw us away from the Lord. Whether our particular weakness is physical, mental, emotional, vocational, spiritual, or some combination of these, we are in good company. The prophet Ezekiel, the apostle Paul, the twelve disciples, and countless other saints have suffered and traveled this way before us with joy. Jesus himself promises to all who follow Him, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 *Corinthians* 12:9).

P R E L U D E

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on 1 Peter 2:13, 15-17)*

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution,
for this is the will of God.

Live as people who are free, as servants of God.

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has blessed us so generously. We are living in America in the twenty-first century. But, just as our national and spiritual forbearers, we have not thought, spoken, or acted in thankfulness and praise. For Jesus' sake, though, there is abundant grace and forgiveness. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence of reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

we confess that we are sinful by nature and that in life we have ignored Your many blessings in this land of promise. We have taken our lot in life as a deserved benefit and let our pride cover our faults and failings. We have been content to receive the freedom and prosperity of this land without giving You thanks and praise. We have failed to share Your bounty with those in our society less fortunate than ourselves, preferring to put our own comfort before our brothers' urgent needs. We have let the morality of the society around us speak louder than Your Word and will for us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake. Turn our hearts to Your will and our eyes to Your eternal promises. Open doors of opportunity in which we may reflect Your truth, mercy, and love in our sojourn until we enter the eternal Promised Land.

Our Lord Jesus took all our sins with Him to the cross. The Father accepted His sacrifice on our behalf. By His death Christ destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored us to everlasting life. In the mercy of almighty God, all who die in faith will enter the Promised Land of heaven. As a 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. Walk as children of promise to the praise of His holy name each day of your pilgrimage on earth.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow
st. 3 - cantor

Green 401

**Before you, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise to you, our king!**

**The nation you have blest May well your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by your care.
For this bright day, for this fair land
Gifts of your hand — our thanks we pay.**

Cantor: May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise
And join to raise a grateful song.

**Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship him alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
And bow before the Crucified.**

**And when in pow'r he comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, with joy to sing
To heav'n's high king salvation's song!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be To God



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The call of Ezekiel.

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 123 (*antiphon v.1*)



Cantor: To you I lift | up my eyes,* O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Cantor: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her | mistress,* so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy up- | on us,* for we have had more than enough | of contempt.

Cantor: Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who | are at ease,* of the contempt | of the proud.

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: To you I lift | up my eyes,* O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

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

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

God's grace is sufficient for you.

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or

out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

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

S205a



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus ministers in Nazareth and sends out the Twelve.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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



He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Traveling Light

Mark 6:1-13

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Tune: O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht (380)

**O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

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

Assisting: Let us pray for ourselves, this nation, and all people according to their needs. We the people of the United States.

We give thanks, Lord our God, that You have ordained that we are citizens in this great land. Strengthen our resolve to reflect Your rule and will, both in our private living and also in the public arena. Through us may Your kingdom of grace be apparent in these United States.

In order to form a more perfect union.

Unite our hearts, Lord Jesus, so that we may reflect Your compassionate love in our roles as citizens and civil servants, as friends and neighbors, as farmers and merchants, and as parents and children.

Establish justice.

O Holy Spirit, give wisdom and insight to all who make and administer our laws. Shield them from the temptation that comes from power, and grant them hearts to serve the welfare of all the people.

Insure domestic tranquility.

Where there is discord and distrust within our borders, heavenly Father, open doors of understanding and forgiveness. Raise up wise leaders in all the nations of the world so that we may live in concord with our neighbor states and that our enemies may seek peace and pursue it.

Provide for the common defense.

Lord Christ, protect and guide all who serve in our Armed Forces. When they are deployed, be with their families. When they return, help us honor their dedication. Likewise, surround with Your care all who provide protection, emergency services, and health care here and everywhere in this great land.

Promote the general welfare.

Heavenly Father, be with all who are unemployed and underemployed, those who are disabled and disheartened, all who struggle to find adequate food, clothing, or shelter, and all who are in need of healing. Open hearts and minds of individuals and charitable organizations, especially those who serve in Your Son's name, to meet their needs and join to praise Your grace and mercy.

Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

For all Your blessings to those who established this land, Lord God, we give You thanks. For all the blessings that surround us now, Lord Jesus, we worship Your holy name. For the land of promise that awaits us, O Holy Spirit, we rejoice in the gift of faith that You have bestowed upon us in Your grace and mercy. Help us to instill Your Word of promise in the generations that come after us.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of 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

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
jazz setting by Aaron David Miller

Piano

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the Word.”
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

Refrain: With the Spirit’s gift empow’r us for the work of ministry.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS

S207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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



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

With this bread and cup . . . all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, . . . sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



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

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. 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Listen, God Is Calling
cantor and congregation

Blue 712

Hope of the World
st. 3 - cantor

Green 493

We All Are One in Mission

Blue 755

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

Green 569

**God bless our native land; Firm may it ever stand
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**

**So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies,
On whom we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost (Year B): Amos 7:7-15;
Psalm 85:(1-7) 8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Krista Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Melissa Lorang
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Marilyn Beig, Rosalie Soodsma
LECTOR ----- Dixie Gerhart

July 5, 2015 (B)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

Worship Attendance.....	133	Bible Class.....	46
Communion.....	103	Offering	3219
Sunday School	20	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	4	Specials	207

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 4

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

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
		BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	
WEDNESDAY	-	CITIZENSHIP & LAB -----	6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	ALL BOARDS MEETING -----	7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
		REV. ROLAND JANK, SR. ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY	
		2ND QUARTER GIVING RECORDS	

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.

NEXT SUNDAY — Rev. Roland Jank, Sr. (Pastor Jank’s father) will observe his 70th anniversary year of ordination and celebrate his 95th birthday. A short cake reception in his honor will be held at the beginning of the Christian Education Hour. District President Russ Sommerfeld will be with us to preach and conduct a shortened Adult Bible Class.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — The decorating committee needs your help! These items are needed: lanterns, picnic baskets, small evergreen (Christmas) trees, canoe. Please place these items in the back room of Luther Hall. Mark your name so that the items can be returned to you at the conclusion of VBS in July. We pray that God will bless our preparations and all who participate.

YOU ARE INVITED — Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at 5529 Leavenworth Street cordially invites you to the service of Ordination and Installation of their new Pastor, Andrew Gerike, on Sunday, July 12, at 3:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following the service.

VISITOR TEAM — Max and Linda Williams

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.

July 5
Rita Wiley

July 7
Yo Tierney

July 7
Margaret Wille

July 11
Roland A. Jank, Jr.