



July 12, 2015

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 10)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.
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Welcome to worship, friends and guests — brothers and sisters, all, in the family of God!

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2015

Being a prophet is dangerous! That's what Amos, the reluctant prophet, learned in the eighth century BC. John the Baptist even lost his head for prophesying. We are called to prophesy as well; that is, we are to teach the truth about justice for the oppressed, marital faithfulness and salvation in Christ. Although that might entail social stigma or physical trauma, the true peril awaits those who refuse to hear the Good News. There is no lasting peril for those who respond obediently to what God teaches us. Today we celebrate alone with Rev. Roland Jank, Sr. his 70-year anniversary of ordination into the office of the public ministry. A pastor's job is that of a prophet - to proclaim God's Word in season and out of season to those who hear and to those who refuse to hear.

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 *(based on Ephesians 1:3, 7, 14)*

In the name of God the Father,
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing,
in the name of God the Son,
in whom we have redemption through His blood,
and in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
who is the guarantee of our inheritance in heaven. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 85:8)*

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Amos 7:8; Ephesians 1:3, 7)*

Although we have repeatedly gone astray, by Jesus' sacrifice for us God has made forgiveness available, so that we should be holy and blameless before Him as He always intended. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of His grace and mercy for Jesus' sake. Most merciful God,
when we recognize the straight plumb line of Your Law, we see the crookedness of our ways. From birth, our sinful condition has shown in our thinking, speaking, and doing. When we recall the prophets of the Old Testament and John the Baptist, we recognize the weakness of our convictions. Without Your aid, we are as good as dead. According to the riches of Your grace, grant us forgiveness because of the redemption we have through Jesus' blood. By Your Holy Spirit, raise us to newness of life that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

God has blessed us in Christ that we should be holy and blameless before Him. 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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lift High the Cross
st. 3 - cantor

Green 377

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

Refrain

Cantor: All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou has promised, draw us all to thee.**

Refrain

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Refrain

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

Amos 7:7-15

Amos is to proclaim judgment to Israel.

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 85: 8 - 13 (*antiphon v. 7*)



Cantor: Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,* and grant us your sal- | vation.
Cantor: Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,* for he will speak peace to his
people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.
**Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,* that glory may dwell |
in our land.**
Cantor: Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;* righteousness and peace kiss each |
other.
**Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,* and righteousness looks down |
from the sky.**
Cantor: Yes, the Lord will give | what is good,* and our land will yield its | increase.
Righteousness will go be- | fore him* and make his foot- | steps away.
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: Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,* and grant us your sal- | vation.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an

inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,* that we may know the hope to which God has called us. (*Eph. 1:17-18*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist.



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

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

King Herod heard of [the disciples preaching], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had

married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

**-Rev. Russ Sommerfeld
Nebraska District President**

Stand

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

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Green 495

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy The heav'n-ly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Wher-e'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might!**

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

**. . . Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.
. . . for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

S H A R I N G O F T H E P E A C E

**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

M E A L

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

Was I Faithful?

Choir

Matthew 25:31-40 (altered) and music by Carolyn Hamlin

When the King comes in His glory and sits upon His throne,
When nations are gathered around Him, and before Him I stand alone;
My mind searches back through a lifetime as I gaze upon the One
Who will grant my right to enter, will I hear Him say, "Well done"?

Was I faithful, did I hear their hurting cry, did I pass their sorrows by,
Was I faithful?

Was I faithful, did I help the blind and weak, did my love include the meek,
Was I faithful?

When on the road as I traveled, did I bind up the wounds of those who fell astray,
Did I brush their tears away?

Lord, when my shelter covered me, Lord, did the eyes the homeless see;
Did I share with one their need, did I share with word or deed,
Lord, when the hungry needed food, Lord, did my table do them good,
Was I faithful?

Those who sit at Your right hand will hear Your words in deep humility,
"As you did it unto these, you have done it unto me."

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.

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.

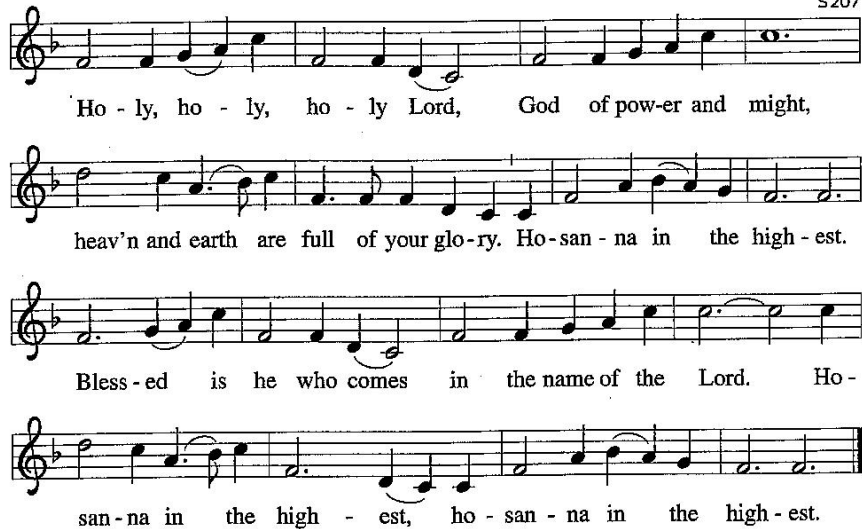
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

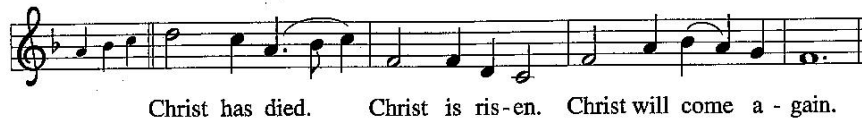
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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.



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....

INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

Sit

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.

Faith of Our Fathers

Green 500

O Holy Spirit, Enter In
st. 2 - cantor

Green 459

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

Blue 790

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Sit

SENDING

COMMISSIONING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS

Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Green 415

**God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's ... story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore,
 Serving you whom we adore.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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**N E X T S U N D A Y – The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B): Jeremiah 23:1-6;
 Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44**

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

ACOLYTE----- Krista Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Melissa Lorang
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Aaron & Nathan Jank
LECTOR----- Dixie Gerhart

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

Worship Attendance.....	99	Bible Class.....	42
Communion.....	84	Offering	5010
Sunday School	15	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	4	Specials	120

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 2

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

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		REV. ROLAND JANK, SR., ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY	
MONDAY - FRIDAY		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -----	6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	-	VBS CLOSING PROGRAM-----	8:00 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING	
		MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	

TODAY — Rev. Roland Jank, Sr. (Pastor Jank’s father) observes his 70th anniversary year of ordination and celebrates his 95th birthday. A short cake reception in his honor will be held at the beginning of the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Jank, Sr. moved to Immanuel Village here in Omaha in 2004 after retiring from his ministry in Columbus, Nebraska and has been part of our Mount Olive church family since then. After graduating from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, he was ordained in 1945 and served the following Nebraska and Iowa congregations: Immanuel, Amherst, NE/Grace, Sumner, NE 1945-1956; Peace, Hastings, NE 1956-1971; Trinity, Guttenberg, IA/St. Paul, McGregor, IA 1971-1978; Immanuel, Columbus, NE 1978-2004. We thank God for a lifetime of service from this servant of the Lord.

GUEST SPEAKER — Today Rev. Russ Sommerfeld, our Nebraska District President for the past 12 years, is with us to preach the sermon for this anniversary celebrations. He will also conduct a shortened Adult Bible Class.

FLOWERS — The flowers in the chancel this morning are provided by the family of Rev. Roland Jank, Sr. in celebration of his ordination anniversary and 95th birthday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — Our VBS begins tomorrow night, July 13. Come around 5:30 so we can begin promptly at 6:00. Our theme is *Camp Discovery: Jesus At Work Through Us*. This is a major outreach to our community. Please invite and bring neighborhood children ages 4 through sixth grade for this 6:00—8:00 P.M. evening school. Many people are working on this effort. A closing program will be help Friday at 8:00 P.M. to which you are invited. 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, this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following the service.

VISITOR TEAM — Max and Linda Williams

LWML/COSMO — Summer is here! What joy we receive in God’s marvelous gifts during the summer – birds, lightning bugs, squirrels, dogs, cats, cows, fish, and even snakes. God is our Rock and our strength. Remember our mission grants with prayer. Check to see if there are any updates since you last went to www.lwml.org.

July 12, 2015 (B)

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 trains a new missionary couple to serve Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha.

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

July 12

Steven Kowalski

July 14

Rev. Roland Jank, Sr.