



August 16, 2015

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 15)

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 this time set aside for worship and Christian fellowship. We need this break from the busyness of the world — even in summer. Pause and relax in the arms of Jesus.

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Pastor

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Organist



12th Sunday After Pentecost

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Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical transition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (*1 Cor. 1:24*), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Joshua 24:15, 18-19, 24*)

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God.

But you are not able to serve the Lord.

The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.

Then let us return to the covenant of our Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

I confess to almighty God our Father that I have sinned by allowing other things to become more important to me than God. I have trusted more in myself, my possessions, my works, and my own desires. I confess that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. Therefore I pray that He come to me in His Word and Spirit to forgive me and enlighten and keep me in the true faith. Amen.

Almighty God has had mercy on you and has come to you in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For the sake of His death and resurrection for you, God forgives you all your sins and gives you the strength of faith to serve Him in all faithfulness. 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

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

Tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott (533)

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.**

Cantor: The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r.
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

**The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the everliving,
To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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. (sung)

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

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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

Lord, have mercy. (sung)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-10

Invitation to eat of wisdom and not folly.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,

“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt. A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you. Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 34:12-22 (*antiphon v. 11*)



Cantor: Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;* I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.

Cantor: What man is there who de- | sires life* and loves many days, that he may | see good?

Keep your tongue from | evil* and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.

Cantor: Turn away from evil | and do good;* seek peace and pur- | sue it.

The eyes of the Lord are toward the | righteous* and his ears | toward their cry.

Cantor: The face of the Lord is against those who do | evil,* to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears* and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

Cantor: The Lord is near to the broken- | hearted* and saves the crushed in | spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,* but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Cantor: He keeps | all his bones;* not one of them is | broken.

Affliction will slay the | wicked,* and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.

Cantor: The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;* none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

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: Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;* I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:6-21

Filled with the Spirit, sing thanks to God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Cantor: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood a- | bide in me,* and I a- | bide in them. (*John 6:56*)

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

Christ is the true food and drink.



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

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

“[Jesus said:] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” [Jesus] said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Wisdom, Folly and the Spirit

John 6:51-69

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Jesus, Living Bread



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, liv - ing Bread,
 2 No more per - fect food is there
 3 On that ta - ble made of wood
 4 Ah, what wel - come words You speak:



By Your self our souls are fed:
 Than the food You came to share,
 Lies our sac - ra - men - tal food:
 Com - fort to re - vive the weak,



Give us all the eyes to see
 Not to be ad - mired a - lone,
 "Take and eat and live" You call,
 God's own wis - dom, hope, and cheer



All that You were sent to be.
 Lest one spurn it for a stone.
 "Here is life for each and all!"
 Starv - ing souls are blest to hear.

5 Word incarnate, Word divine	6 We are in that crowd You fed
Word that comes in bread and wine:	With Your blest, abundant Bread.
Love that we have come to know:	Moved by every human care,
Lord, to whom else shall we go?	Bless the Bread we eat and share.

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.

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

. . . Lord, in Your mercy.

hear our prayer.

. . . through 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.

G A T H E R I N G O F T I T H E S A N D O F F E R I N G S

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.

M U S I C A L O F F E R I N G

O Bread of Life from Heaven

Piano

jazz setting by Aaron David Miller

O Bread of life from heaven, O Food to pilgrims given, O Manna from above:
Feed with the blessed sweetness Of your divine completeness
The souls that want and need your love.

O Fount of grace redeeming, O River ever streaming
From Jesus' wounded side:
Come now, your love bestowing
On thirsting souls, and flowing
Till all are fully satisfied.

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

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



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks...now and forever.
Amen.

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

Christ invites you. Welcome to the feast.
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 Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

O God, My Faithful God

Green 504

Come, Let Us Eat

Green 214

lines 1 & 3 - cantor, lines 2 & 4 - congregation

You Are the Way

Green 464

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Green 555



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



And ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
A new di - men - sion in the world of sound
In faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
When ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



It is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
As wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
Borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight:
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 16): Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Charly Peterson
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR -----Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Mark & Janet Flemmer
LECTOR----- Joan Kowalski

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	90	Bible Class.....	31
Communion.....	78	Offering	2972
Sunday School	12	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	6	Specials	55

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
MONDAY - MEETING W/ST. JOHN LEADERSHIP ----- 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in a study of *Genesis 37: Joseph and His Brothers*. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

FUNERAL — Betty Sorensen, our sister in Christ, died this last Wednesday. Her funeral will be here at Mount Olive this Saturday, August 22, at 10:00 A.M. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. on Friday evening and before the funeral on Saturday morning starting at 9:00 A.M. here at the church.

ALTAR FLOWERS — The altar flowers in the chancel this morning are in celebration of Jeanne Sabatka's birthday from her husband, Frank.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Fall session begins Sunday, September 13, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION — The orientation meeting for parents and students of this year's Youth Confirmation Class will be Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00 P.M.

ADULT CHOIR KICK-OFF — The Adult Choir will kick off its new year with a party at Pastor and Suzan Jank's home (6928 Florence Blvd.) on Thursday, September 3, at 7:30 P.M. Dessert and some fun are planned. New voices are welcome to join in helping lead God's people in worship.

ELL — The next session of English classes begins September 14th. If you are interested in participating in this exciting mission, please contact Marsha Behr (402-250-1269). We are in need of a teacher and a couple of helpers. No experience is necessary. Classes will be taught on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. You can volunteer once per month, every other week or every week....we are flexible! If you are not able to join, we appreciate your prayers for the staff and students who come.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — Join us for a Church Picnic immediately following the Education Hour on Rally Sunday, August 30th, on the church lawn. All are invited to bring a pre-cooked entrée, side dish or a dessert to share. Beverages, paper plates and silverware will be provided. We'll be cooking up hot dogs for the kids. Games and a sing-a-long are also planned. Fun for all ages!

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 Emad and Shireen Tawadrous to serve Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha.

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!

August 16, 2015 (B)

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JAZZ AT PACIFIC HILLS — You are invited today, Sunday, August 16, for the final Courtyard Jazz at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church. Hamburgers will be served at 5:00 p.m. (free will offering) in the backyard of the Campus Ministry Gathering Place next to the parking lot. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Moorhead Courtyard of the church. Please park in south lot, off 90th, between the Gathering Place and the Courtyard and bring your lawn chairs. This is Big Band jazz, just like last August. Come, and bring others with you. This is a GREAT way to meet other LCMS Lutherans in Omaha.

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.

August 16

Jim Zulfer

August 19

Chesney Kosch
Chance Seefus

August 22

Sara (Wille) Embree
Arnie Jacobson
Ashley (Collins) Spracklin