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known

TO YOUR CHILDREN and YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN

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August 23, 2015

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 16)

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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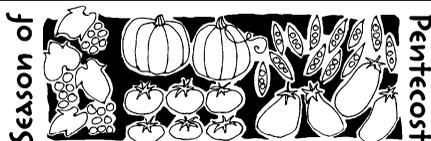


Sunday Worship .....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.  
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**The psalmist declares: “My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God” (Psalm 84:2, NRSV). Let us join in song and praise to the God who showers us with grace.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



**13th Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 23, 2015**

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What a wonderful thing it is to have a close-knit family. What a blessing it is when fellow members in the Church are near and dear to one another. But sin separates us from God and from one another. When separation threatens, we tend to call on our traditions and family rules to bring us together. Human efforts alone cannot really bring us close. But as we draw near to God, God draws near to us. As God draws us near to Himself with His forgiving love, we find that at the same time He is drawing us closer to one another in Christian love.

**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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us return to the covenant of our Baptism and draw near to God with repentance and faith, trusting His promise to draw near to us with forgiveness and life. Gracious Father, You gather us together in Your family through faith in Jesus Christ.

**We are Your children, Father, brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions turned away from You, our loving God, and turned our backs on our fellow members.

**Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.**

Gracious Father, You gather us together in families as mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters.

**You have placed us in our families to be loved and cared for and to love and care for one another.**

Yet by our fallen sinful nature and by our own disobedience, we have in word and actions failed to love our own family members as You have loved us.

**Forgive us, Father, for Jesus, our Brother, has paid for our sins.**

Children of God, loved by the Lord, Jesus Christ has indeed taken Your sins to the cross and paid for every one. By His resurrection from the dead He raises you from death in your sins to life in His forgiveness. By the power of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. God strengthen you in His love and forgiveness that you may share those blessings in your family and in the family of God.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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**O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts your work begin,  
And make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, Your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance Life from heaven Now is given Overflowing,  
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.**

Left to ourselves, we surely stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,  
With wisest counsel guide us; And give us steadfastness, that we  
May follow you forever free, No matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those Hearts now broken; Give some token You are near us,  
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your good Word in doubt and strife  
Be in us strongly burning, That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy On us shower; By your power Christ confessing,  
We will cherish all your blessing.

## 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

**W O R D**

We Hear God's Word.





**Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers\* who eat up my people as  
they eat bread and do not call up- | on the Lord?**

Cantor: There they are in great | terror,\* for God is with the generation of the |  
righteous.

**You would shame the plans | of the poor,\* but the Lord is his | refuge.**

Cantor: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!\* When the Lord  
restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.

**Glorify 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: Oh, that salvation for | Israel\* would come out of | Zion.

## SECOND LESSON

### **Ephesians 5:22-33**

Faith in Christ transforms husbands and wives.

*Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: Lord, to whom I shall we go?\* You have the words of e - l ternal life.

(John 6:68)



## HOLY GOSPEL

### Mark 7:1-13

Jesus rebukes the scribes and the Pharisees.



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

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

*Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)—then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!** (*shouted*).

Sit

S E R M O N

**Tradition Gone Bad**

**Mark 7:1-13**

Stand

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

Oh, Blest the House

Green 512

**Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is All-in-All!  
For if he were not dwelling there,  
How dark and poor and void it were!**

**Oh, blest that house where faith is found,  
And all in charity abound  
To trust their God and serve him still  
And do in all his holy will!**

**Oh, blest that house; it prospers well!  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown  
How richly God can bless his own.**

**Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn cov'nant make and say:  
Though all the world forsake his Word,  
My house and I will serve the Lord.**

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**

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

. . . trusting in Your mercy, through 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**

Take My Life, That I May Be

*Galen Behr - drum, Sarah Jank - maracas*

Cantor

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Cantor: Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain

Cantor: Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry power as thou shalt choose. Refrain

Cantor: Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain

Cantor: Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain

### 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:

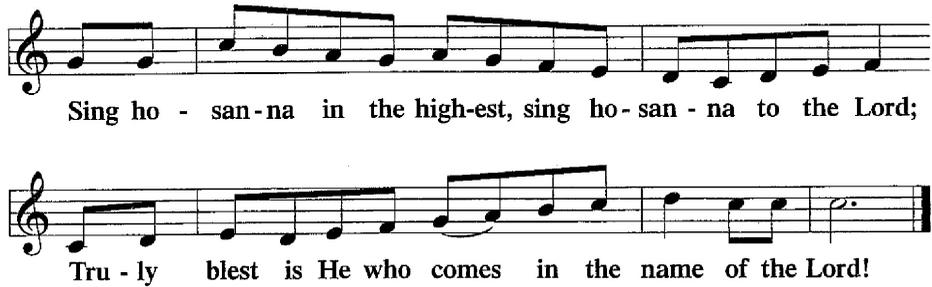
### SANCTUS



**C** 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.



## 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.

### How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*st. 1 - cantor*



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.  
 Its tan-gled skein of care: Our in-ward life re - pair.  
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Green 239

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Green 294

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**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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**Send forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended. O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**N E X T S U N D A Y** – The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 17):  
 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20;  
 Mark 7:14-23

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

**ACOLYTE** -----Alexia Moffett  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTOR** -----Mark Flemmer  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Jill Clausen, Alex Johnson  
**LECTOR**-----Joan Kowalski

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

Worship Attendance.....105	Bible Class ..... 40
Communion.....92	Offering .....3656
Sunday School .....13	Needed Weekly .....4824
Staff.....6	Specials ..... 5

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

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

**TODAY** - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.  
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

**WEDNESDAY** - CONFIRMATION PARENT ORIENTATION MTG7:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY** WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR/RALLY DAY10:20 A.M.  
 CHURCH PICNIC ----- 11:30 A.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in a study of *Genesis 39: Joseph's Troubles*. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

**FUNERAL** — Betty Sorensen, our sister in Christ, died Wednesday, August 12. Her funeral was held here at Mount Olive yesterday. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” (*Rev. 14:13*)

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

**August 23, 2015 (B)**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — Join us for a Church Picnic immediately following the Education Hour next week 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!

**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.

**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 Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, the new POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) missionaries working with Arabic speaking immigrants here in metro Omaha.

**STEWARDSHIP** — *Mark 7:11* “But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God).” Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.

**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 23  
Joe Matson

August 25  
Bethany Padron

August 26  
Stephanie Rager  
Pearl Wiley

August 28  
Nathan Jank  
Samuel Lorang