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**September 6, 2015**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 18)

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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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**Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend, as we celebrate all work — paid and unpaid — that’s done for the glory of God and the service of others.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



**15th Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 06, 2015**

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God’s people are always looking forward to surprising and wonderful signs of His presence and demonstrations of His power. Centuries before the coming of Christ, the prophet Isaiah confidently pointed to that time when miracles would abound for God’s people. In Jesus, the promise came to fulfillment as He touched the bodies and lives of many with His healing power and brought them strength and hope. As those who have experienced the power of God in our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can find continuing encouragement. With strengthened hands, we can do the good works appointed for us.

**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**

**G A T H E R I N G**

**We Enter God’s Presence.**

**I N V O C A T I O N**

## OPENING SENTENCES *(2 Samuel 22:2-3, 29, 31, 50)*

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

**my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; You save me from violence.**

For You are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness.

**This God—His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true;**

He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

**For this I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have daily done things we should not have done, and have not done that which we are to do as Your faithful servants. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins, and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Tune: Beach Spring (423)

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

### Congregation

*Refrain* S 185

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

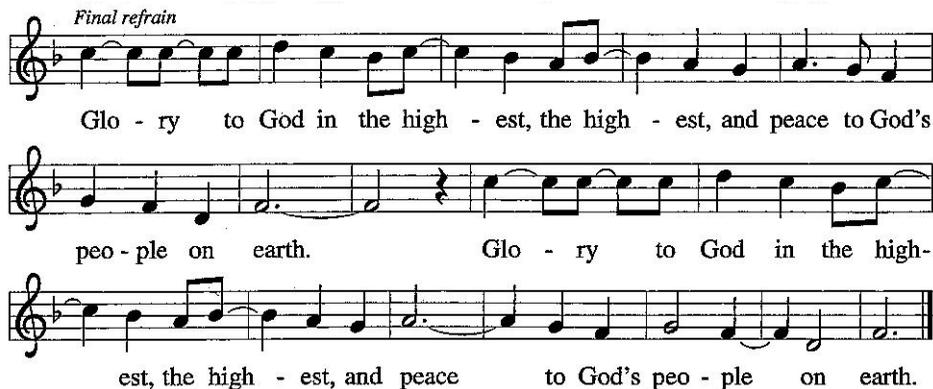
Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Congregation

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

### WORD

We Hear God's Word.

## FIRST LESSON

### Isaiah 35:4-7a

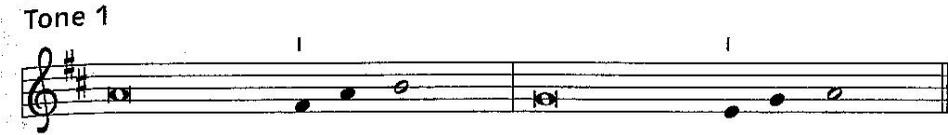
Like streams in the desert, God comes with healing.

*Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 146 (antiphon, v. 2)



Cantor: I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;\* I will sing praises to my God while I  
have my | being.

Cantor: Praise | the Lord!\* Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;\* I will sing praises to my God  
while I have my | being.**

Cantor: Put not your trust in | princes,\* in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- |  
vation.

**When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\* on that very day his  
plans | perish.**

Cantor: Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\* whose hope is in the | Lord  
his God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\* who keeps  
faith for- | ever.**

Cantor: who executes justice for | the oppressed,\* who gives food to the | hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind.\*  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the |  
righteous.**

Cantor: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the |  
fatherless,\* but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

**The Lord will reign for- | ever,\* your God, O Zion, to all generations. |  
Praise the Lord!**

**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: I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;\* I will sing praises to my God while I  
have my | being.

SECOND LESSON

**James 2:1-10, 14-18**

True faith shows itself in action.

*My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in  
our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine  
clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also*

comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

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,    al - le - lu - ia.

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*

Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Rejoice in the | Lord always;\* again I will | say, Rejoice. (*Phil. 4:4*)

## H O L Y G O S P E L

### **Mark 7:(24-30) 31-37**

Jesus heals a deaf man.



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

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

*[From there [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.] Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

## S E R M O N

**Overcoming A Sinfully, Critical Heart!**

**James 2**

Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the Almighty

Green 539

**Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore him! Yes, I will laud him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before him As long as he allows me breath.  
From him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, his holy name.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*Women: Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever Whose help is from the Lord most high,  
Whom from salvation nothing can sever, And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in him, our Lord Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely, With happy heart its amen sings!  
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.**  
. . . one God, now and forever.  
**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**

<h3><b>M E A L</b></h3>
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<p>We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.</p>
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#### **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**

Earth and All Stars  
*setting, Sally Drennan Mossing*

Piano

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

## 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

S 190

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
Remembering, therefore, . . . in your holy church, 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

Come, be fed, be healed.  
**Amen.**

Sit

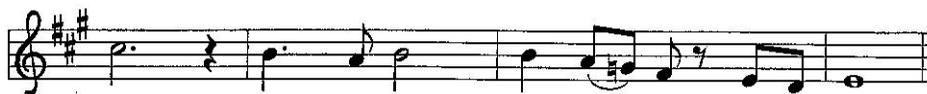
## DISTRIBUTION

*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

S 191

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Lord of All Nations Green 419

Word of God, Come Down on Earth Blue 716

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds Green 345

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

O God of Mercy, God of Light Green 425

**O God of mercy, God of light, In love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives in you.**

**You sent your Son to die for all, That our lost world might hear your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**

**Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those His blood has bought,  
That ev'ry deed and word and thought May work a work for you.**

**For all are kindred, far and wide, Since Jesus Christ for all has died;  
Grant us the will, and grace provide To love them all in you.**

**In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, Each other's burdens help us share;  
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.**

**And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love,  
Till you receive in heav'n above Those who have lived to you.**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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**NEXT SUNDAY – The Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 19): Isaiah 50:4-10;  
Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29**

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

**ACOLYTE**-----Shelby Poitra  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Galen Behr  
**CANTOR** ----- Melissa Lorang  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**-----Rosemary Block, Yo Tierney  
**LECTOR**----- Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	118	Bible Class.....	39
Communion.....	94	Offering .....	2370
Sunday School .....	20	Needed Weekly .....	4824
Staff.....	6	Specials .....	37

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

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

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION -----	10:20 A.M.
		BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	
		PASTOR JANK'S 41ST ANNIVERSARY	
MONDAY	-	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
TUESDAY	-	MT. OLIVE BOOK CLUB-----	6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	6:00 P.M.
		ELL REGISTRATION -----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	ALL BOARDS MEETING -----	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	-	FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX "INVICTUS"-----	7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		VOTERS' ASSEMBLY-----	11:30 A.M.
		YOUTH GROUP OUTING-----	11:30 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS-----	3:30 P.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in a study of *Genesis 42-45; 50:15-21: Joseph Forgives*. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** — The flowers in the chancel this morning are in memory of Jeff Sabatka, Frank Sabatka's son.

**ADULT CHOIR** — Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday at 7:45 P.M. An exciting, but challenging year is planned. The choir sings weekly and helps lead our worship. Adding your voice to others will multiply your joy and God's service.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** — Next Sunday at 11:30 immediately following the Christian Education Hour. The year's Planned Parish Program will be presented.

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

**ELL** — The next session of English classes begins Monday, 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.

September 06, 2015 (B)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**STEWARDSHIP** — *James 2:2* “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in. . .” God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. Both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving, that is: giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

**COSMO/LWML** — The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League mite offerings bring clean drinking water and the living water of salvation through Jesus to the unsaved around the world. Learn the whole story at: [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.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.

September 10  
Marsha Behr

September 10  
Maria Israel

September 12  
Andrew Johnson

September 12  
Tammy Moffett