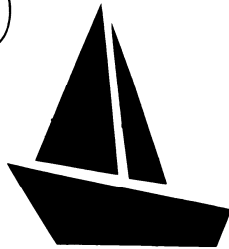


Go. sell what you own.



give the money to the poor...



Then. Come. follow me!

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October 18, 2015

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 24)

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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We welcome you for worship, Christian education and fellowship as the body of Christ. Please greet those worshipping near you.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2015

We all agree that certain things can be difficult to do and other things impossible. It is only slightly difficult, but not impossible, to get used to where all the controls are on a new car. Even more difficult, but still not impossible, is to drive that new car through fog. On the other hand, there are no degrees of the impossible. If something is impossible, that is it. Certainly some people thought it impossible that Thomas Edison's lightbulb would ever replace candles or that Henry Ford's automobile would ever replace the horse. But in those cases, the possible was just a little more difficult to produce. When it comes to entering the kingdom of God and salvation, many wrongly think it *is* possible by your own reason, strength, or works. Today, Jesus reminds us that on our own, salvation is actually impossible for everyone. "But with God all things are possible." Every baptized Christian is a walking, talking miracle of God's creation and re-creation! Thus following Jesus and living the Christian life is not impossible. Thanks be to God!

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Hebrews 4:7; Psalm 119:10; Mark 10:24, 27; Psalm 124:8*)

Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.

With my whole heart I seek You.

How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

But all things are possible with God.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Beloved, let us confess our sin, our weakness, and our need of God's help.

Almighty God, I confess to You all my sins and my complete inability to redeem myself in Your sight. I am by nature sinful, and I have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. You have done what is impossible for me on my own. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, forgive me of my sin.

With man it is impossible, but not with God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I 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

O Day of Rest and Gladness

Green 251

**O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright:
On you the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," To the great God triune.**

**On you, at earth's creation, The light first had its birth;
On you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On you, our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heav'n;
And thus on you, most glorious, A three-fold light was giv'n.**

**Today on weary nations The heav'nly manna falls;
To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls,
Where Gospel light is glowing With pure and radiant beams
And living water flowing With soul refreshing streams.**

**New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son;
The Church its voice upraises To you, blest Three in One.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: 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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Find enjoyment in your lot in life.

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity. When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep. There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands. This also is a grievous ill: just as they came, so shall they go; and what gain do they have from toiling for the wind? Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, in much vexation and sickness and resentment. This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us; for this is our lot. Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God. For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives, because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 119:9-16 (antiphon, v. 14)

Tone 6



Cantor: In the way of your testimonies | I delight* as much as in all | riches.

Cantor: How can a young man keep his | way pure?* By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart I | seek you;* let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

Cantor: I have stored up your word | in my heart,* that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

Blesséd are you, | O Lord;* teach me your | statutes!

Cantor: With my lips | I declare* all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight* as much as in all | riches.

Cantor: I will meditate on your | precepts* and fix my eyes | on your ways.

I will delight in your | statutes;* I will not for- | get your word.

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: In the way of your testimonies | I delight* as much as in all | riches.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16)

There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For indeed the good news came to us just as to them; but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, “As in my anger I swore, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” though his works were finished at the foundation of the world. For in one place it speaks about the seventh day as follows, “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this place it says, “They shall not enter my rest.” Since therefore it remains open for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he sets a certain day—‘today’—saying through David much later, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later about another day. So then, a sabbath rest still

remains for the people of God; for those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors as God did from his. Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall through such disobedience as theirs. Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. [Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.]

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

Congregation:



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

Cantor: With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. (*Mark 10:27b*)

Congregation:



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

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 10:23-31

Worldly wealth can hinder entering the kingdom of God.

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

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



Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

The Vanity of Wealth

Mark 10:23-31

Stand

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

Hope of the World

Green 493

st. 3 - left side, st. 4 - right side

**Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.**

**Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
Still let thy Spirit unto us be given
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.**

*Left: Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light:
Walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee to endless night.*

*Right: Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt:
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.*

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
We would be faithful to thy Gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!**

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.
. . . through 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.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Choir

text attributed to Robert Bridges, tune by J.S. Bach and setting by John Leavitt

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright;

Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life impassioned,

Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

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

S 199

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

S 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

Remembering, therefore, . . . 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....

INVITATION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

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



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.

All For Christ I Have Forsaken

st. 1 - cantor

1 All for Christ I have for-sak-en And have
 2 Who is sweet-er than Christ Je-sus? No good
 3 Gone the past, un-known the fu-ture— Grace sup-
 4 When God takes me home to heav-en, Should this
 5 Though the road a-head be thorn-y, Though dark

tak-en up my cross; World-ly joy, its
 thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at
 plies my dai-ly breath; Strong in Christ through
 be the day I die, God will keep my
 clouds all light ob-sure, Though my cross-shaped

fame and for-tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.
 peace I fol-low Where He leads me... why look back?
 death's dark val-ley, Firm and faith-ful un-to death.
 spouse and chil-dren As the ap-ple of His eye.
 path grows steep-er, With the Lord, I am se-cure.

Come, Let Us Eat

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

Green 214

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Green 457

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you.

Amen.

He will strengthen your faith and love.

Amen.

The Lord will lead you in all His ways.

Amen.

The blessing of almighty God, the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and go with you now and all your days.

Amen.

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. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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**NEXT SUNDAY – Reformation Sunday (Year B): Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46;
 Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36**

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Robbie Moffett, Jr.
ASSISTING MINISTERS ----- Arnie Jacobson
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Gary & Shannon Peterson
LECTOR----- Mark Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	119	Bible Class	37
Communion	95	Offering.....	3043
Sunday School	17	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	7	Specials	982

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

October 18, 2015 (B)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION----- 10:20 A.M. THIRD QUARTER GIVING RECORDS HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE USHER/GREETER FOLLOW-UP TRAINING 11:30 A.M. ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	-	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	-	LWML/COSMO----- 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC SEWER MEETING----- 6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M. ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----6:30 - 8:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL----- 7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY/SATURDAY		YOUTH GROUP RETREAT AT CAMP LUTHER
SUNDAY		WORSHIP/REFORMATION -----9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M. ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in a study called *God Connects*. Today’s topic is “God’s Law.” Pick up a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall and join in.

USHER/GREETER APPRECIATION LUNCH AND TRAINING — Today, at 11:30 a.m., following Bible Class. All current and prospective ushers, greeters, and Follow-up Visitors are encouraged to attend.

NEW BIBLE CLASS — A new Sunday School class for high school graduates through 30-somethings has started meeting in the library during the Sunday School hour. Please join in this Sunday!

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN —Pastor Jank will attend the Fall Nebraska District Pastors’ Conference in Lincoln this Monday and Tuesday.

YOUTH GROUP — Do you have a talent or hobby to share with the youth of Mount Olive? We would love to get connected with you. Consider leading a Bible study for the youth, teach crocheting, scrapbooking, or sharing whatever your passion is. Contact Kristi Townsend at 402.457.9611, townsend.kristi@gmail.com, to schedule a time with the Youth Group.

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.

October 19
Sharon McDonald

October 20
Doyle Peterson

October 22
Diana Kinney

October 24
Mike Steckelberg