



**November 08, 2015**

PENTECOST 24 (PROPER 27)

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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 and fellowship in the body of Christ.  
Peace be with all who gather here.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



**24th Sunday After Pentecost**

**November 08, 2015**

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Today, we hear in the First Lesson, in the Psalm, and in the Gospel of God’s tender care for people who are widowed. God promised to provide flour and oil for the widow of Zarephath through the ministry of the prophet Elijah. Jesus praised a poor widow as she gave all she had to live on, in contrast to the wealthy, who gave only a portion of their abundance. The psalmist declares, “The LORD . . . upholds the widow and the fatherless.” We hear in these portions of God’s Word how important He regards those who are weak and have little or no means of support. Widows are among the little ones who are great in God’s kingdom. For this reason, James reminds us, “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world” (*James 1:27*).

**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**

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 9*)

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.**

The LORD watches over the sojourners;

**He upholds the widow and the fatherless.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** (*Romans 2:4; Isaiah 42:3*)

Father of all kindness and mercy,

**we confess to You that we are sinful by nature, and we try to play God in many ways. Instead of praying, "Thy will be done," and meaning it, we try to seize control of our own lives and do things our own way. In the process, we hurt ourselves and others. These forces of destruction are driving us away from You, and we are powerless to help ourselves. Even though we deserve every bit of the mess we have made, we ask You to be merciful to us. We ask Your forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Please use Your power to help us and set us free.**

Beloved in the Lord, it is not anger, but God's kindness that is meant to lead us to repentance. Therefore, in full confidence that "a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench" (*Isaiah 42:3*), as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, 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 Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him!

Green 539

*st. 1 - cantor*

Cantor: 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!**

**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!**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast of Victory

*cantor on verses, congregation on refrain*

#### Congregation

*Refrain* S 196

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

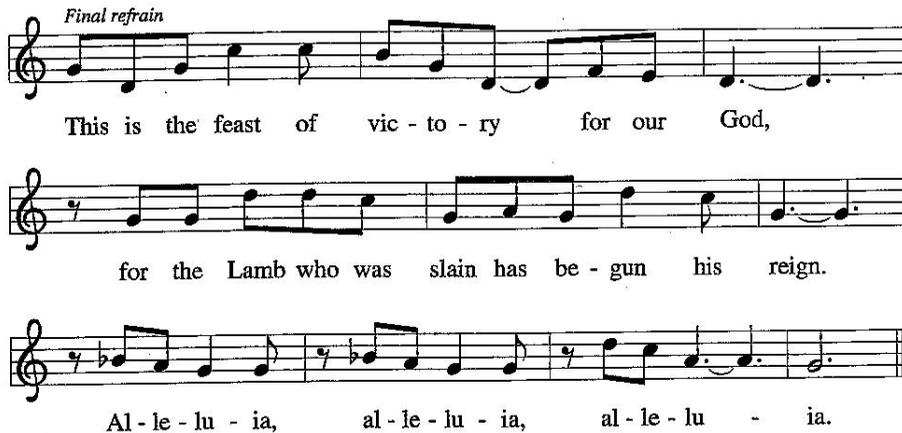
Cantor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**Congregation (refrain)**

Cantor: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**Congregation**

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sit

**WORD**

We Hear God's Word.

**FIRST LESSON**

**1 Kings 17:8-16**

God feeds Elijah and the widow at Zarephath.

*Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."*

*But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 146** (*antiphon v. 9a*)



Cantor: The Lord watches o- | ver the sojourners;\* he upholds the widow and the | fatherless.

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: The Lord watches o- | ver the sojourners;\* he upholds the widow and the | fatherless.

## SECOND LESSON

### Hebrews 9:24-28

The once for all sacrifice of Christ.

*For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

Stand

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S 198a

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

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

Cantor: The Lord raises up the poor | from the dust,\* to make them inherit a | seat of honor. (*1 Sam. 2:8*)

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

### Mark 12:38-44

A widow's generosity reveals the hypocrisy of the scribes.

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

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



*As he taught, [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

## C H I L D R E N S I N G

I'm In The Lord's Army

**-Sunday School**

I may never march in the infantry, ride in the calvary, shoot the artillery;

I may never zoom o'er the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's army.

I'm in the Lord's army. YES, SIR! I'm in the Lord's army. YES, SIR!

## S E R M O N

Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of all Hopefulness

Green 469

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**. . . Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

. . . Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**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

Give Me Jesus

Choir

*African-American spiritual, setting by David von Kampen*

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise,

In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day, Just about the break of day,

Just about the break of day, Give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,

Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,

And when I want to sing, Give me Jesus.

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

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:

## SANCTUS

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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.

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

S 201

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.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us  
*st. 3 - cantor*

Green 424

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God  
*st. 3 - cantor on descant*

Blue 783

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Green 408  
Tune: Hymn to Joy (551)

**Stand**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

Green 406

**Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**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.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**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.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.**

## 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** – Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 28): Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13

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

**ACOLYTE**-----Isabella Wegner  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**-----Steve Kowalski  
**CANTOR** -----Mark Flemmer  
**EUCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Mike & Marcia Steckelberg  
**LECTOR**----- Marsha Behr  
**PREACHER** ----- Max Williams

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

Worship Attendance.....	122	Bible Class .....	40
Communion .....	100	Offering.....	4171
Sunday School .....	17	Needed Weekly .....	4824
Staff.....	7	Specials .....	130

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 4

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

**TODAY** - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ----- 11:30 A.M.  
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.

**MONDAY** - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

**TUESDAY** - MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB ----- 7:00 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** - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.

**FRIDAY** - FLY/SMITH WEDDING REHEARSAL -----6:00 P.M.  
 FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX ----- 7:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY** - FLY/SMITH WEDDING ----- 3:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY** - WORSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY ----- 9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING  
 THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION ----- 11:45 P.M.  
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class. Pick up a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall and join in.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** — Today, November 8, is our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation and our congregational budget for 2016 will be presented.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Jack Irwin, the husband of Lorraine Irwin, died this week. His memorial service will be Monday, November 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Braman Mortuary (1702 N 72nd St.). A luncheon will follow at the VFW Post 244 at 33rd & Leavenworth.

**WEDDING** — Next Saturday Ethan Smith and Kaylee Fly will be united in marriage here at Mount Olive. May they dedicate themselves to being mutual servants of each other.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — High School graduates through 30-somethings meet in the library during the Christian Education Hour for Bible study.

**PASTOR INSTALLATION** — Rev. Eddie Mekasha will be installed as Associate Pastor— Mission Outreach of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, and other workers will be commissioned for service, today, November 8th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Peace International Friendship Center at 3314 South 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska. A reception with refreshments will follow the service.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX** — Please join your fellow Mount Olive movie buffs on Friday night, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. We will be showing the movie “Mr. Roberts.” Popcorn will also be provided. Circle the date! Questions? Call Dixie Gerhart at 402-602-3252.

**FINANCIAL WORKSHOP** — Our Thrivent Financial representative, **Sarah Jank**, will be hosting a workshop on *Women and Money* on Thursday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. There is no cost to participate but please RSVP to sarah.jank@thrivent.com or (402) 905-4229 by November 17 so that there are enough materials (and refreshments)! You are welcome to bring friends, too! Please call with any questions.

**COAT RACK NEAR BATHROOMS** — Please check the coat rack and shelf by the men's restroom for any items that may be yours. If items go to Project Hope or POBLO, put the items in the tubs located under the coatrack. There are also some lost/found items on the shelf by the copy machine. All items should be put away. Items not picked up by November 15 will be taken to Project Hope. Thank you in advance for your help.

**THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP** — Thursday, November 26, 10:00 A.M.

**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.

November 11  
Karen Lorang

November 12  
Marcia Steckelberg