



January 24, 2016

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
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Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.
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“This day is holy to our LORD; and ... the joy of the LORD is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). Welcome!

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Organist



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Our response to the proclamation of the Gospel is central to our lives. The hometown relatives and neighbors of Jesus heard Him proclaim in person that He was the fulfillment of the plan of God announced by the prophets. He had come among them as God in person. He personally comes among us today in Word and Sacrament. Day by day and week by week the Scripture is fulfilled in our hearing, inviting our response of faith and faithfulness.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and meditations of our minds by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

While assured of God's great mercy, let us confess together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed. Be merciful to us, and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

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

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in 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.

Congregation: 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.

Congregation: 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.

Congregation: Refrain

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra reads the books of the law of Moses before the people.

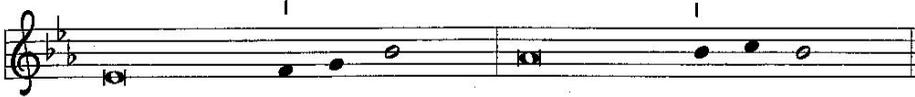
All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 19:7-14 (antiphon v. 14)

Tone 4



Cantor: Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,* O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

Cantor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviv- | ing the soul;* the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the | simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing | the heart;* the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening | the eyes.

Cantor: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for- | ever;* the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous alto- | gether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even | much fine gold;* sweeter also than honey and drippings of the | honeycomb.

Cantor: Moreover, by them is our | servant warned;* in keeping them there is | great reward.

Who can dis- | cern his errors?* Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.

Cantor: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion | over me!* Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great trans- | gression.

Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,* O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

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: Let the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,* O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:13-31a

We are all a part of the body of Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the

members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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. *Fine*

Verse (cantor or choir)
 Al - le - lu - ia! *D.C. al Fine*

Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor and to proclaim release to the captives. (*Luke 4:18*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Luke 4:16-30

Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

One Word, Two Hearings

Luke 4:16-30

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

Tune: O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht (380)

**O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

Sit

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer and respond to Your gracious will.
. . . through You 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

The Light of the World
words by Nancy Price and Don Besig, music by Don Besig

Choir

Refrain: Jesus is the Light of the World, he is the Light of the World. Hallelujah!
Jesus is the Light of the World and we will follow Him. Hallelujah!

When there is trouble, no need to go astray.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine.
Jesus will help you find your way. He will shine. Take His hand, let Him lead.
You'll find that when you follow Jesus He will set you free.
Keep Him in your life and let Him shine! Hallelujah! Refrain

When there is darkness, no need to be afraid.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine. Jesus will bring a brighter day.
He will shine. Yes, He will shine. Follow Him, strong and true.
Just take a look at what the power of His love can do. Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, 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

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, . . .until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, . . . the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those . . . 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 to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

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



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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.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
st. 3 - cantor

Green 87

Come, Let Us Eat
cantor - lines 1 and 3, congregation - lines 2 and 4

Green 214

O Word of God Incarnate

Green 231

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Blue 723

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
 To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
 Where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empower'd us; we go in Jesus' name.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY — Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C): Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19);
Psalm 71:1-6 (7-11); 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Robbie Moffett, Jr.
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Becky Day, Sharon McDonald
LECTOR----- Gloria Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	92	Bible Class	30
Communion.....	68	Offering	4161
Sunday School	18	Needed Weekly	4861
Staff.....	6	Specials	75

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

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

TODAY		WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
MONDAY	-	ELL REGISTRATION -----	6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
		MEET W/ST. JOHN LEADERSHIP-----	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	-	PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL -----	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION	

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. This week’s focus will be on creation and God’s activity in the world. High School graduates through 30-somethings meet in the library during the Christian Education Hour for Bible study. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

FUNERAL — Doyle Peterson, our brother in Christ, died on January 14. His funeral was here at Mount Olive last Tuesday, January 19. The flowers in the chancel this morning are from his family. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” (*Rev. 14:13*)

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE — For those who need to avoid alcohol and yet want to commune with their fellow Mount Olive brothers and sisters, the very center glass in each communion tray now has non-alcoholic wine in it for your reception. We encourage its use. Please speak with Pastor Jank if you have questions.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING — Mount Olive's English Language Learning spring session begins Monday, February 1, 2016 and will run through the end of April. This is a fun and easy way to meet people in our community from different countries and cultures. Help is needed to continue serving our neighbors in this mission. No experience is required. If you speak English, you are qualified! Please contact Marsha Behr (mjbehr@cox.net or 402-250-1269) if you would like to learn more.

NOTICE TO CHURCHES OF THE CIRCUITS OF OMAHA — Cross Lutheran Church at (3101 South 20th Street) extends an invitation to our congregation to attend its Closing Service. This service will begin at 2:30 p.m., February 7th. Nebraska District President Snow will preach.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Our 15-week Spring Adult Information Class will begin on Sunday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. This two-hour class is for those who are new in their faith, for those who are somewhere in the middle, and for those who have been life-long Christians. No matter where you are in your faith journey, God yearns to get closer to you. To register, please call the church office at 402-455-8700. You can also find registration forms inside the Sunday bulletin. Fill out the registration and drop it in the offering plate.

January 24, 2016 (C)

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TOWN HALL MEETING — The North Omaha Commercial Club is sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 25, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Florence Branch Library meeting room (2920 Bondesson St.). This meeting is FREE. Appetizers and beverages will be provided. The NOCC has invited Councilman Pete Festersen to talk about and take suggestions for the \$250,000 allotted to the Florence area for street improvements in 2016. A recommendation from an urban design manager would be to continue with the widened sidewalk and new parking to the east side up to State Street (no bioswales). He thinks that the historic looking light posts may be able to be continued to Mormon Street. We will also have the Executive Director of MAPA, Greg Youell, and the Marketing Director of Metro Transit, Linda Barritt to speak about bus routes, and the possibility of diverting a bus from 30th Street West on McKinley to 48th Street and back to accommodate workers along McKinley and residents of Raven Oaks. Please spread the word! This is an IMPORTANT meeting to attend and let your voice be heard for the future of downtown Florence!

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.

January 25
Cody Markham

January 30
Grace Gozzola