

HOW OFTEN I
HAVE WANTED
TO GATHER
YOUR
CHILDREN
TOGETHER



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February 21, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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No matter what brings you here or what you’re facing, take heart: “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” (Psalm 27:1).

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



**2ND SUNDAY
IN LENT**

February 21, 2016

God’s Old Testament people wouldn’t listen to His Word, but sought other gods. When Jeremiah pronounced judgment, they were ready to put him to death. When God’s Son came, it was only appropriate that He should be executed just outside Jerusalem by the very people He sought to save. We need to examine whether we are open to God’s guidance, avoiding “earthly things,” as Paul warns. We dare not be as a reluctant brood—chicks scattering while our Lord would gather us under His protecting wings.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Today is the Lord's Day, a Sunday *in* Lent, but not part *of* it—a little Easter.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it,

in Jesus' name. Amen.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

make haste to help me, O Lord.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

With David, we can be confident that “the LORD hears when I call to Him.”

But we confess that we are not always that confident. When answers are delayed, we wonder if God is still listening.

With Jeremiah and Jesus, we know that we carry God's Word of judgment and grace with us.

But we confess that we seldom have the prophet's courage, preferring to avoid confrontation and possible harm to ourselves.

With Paul, we would “stand firm . . . in the Lord,” knowing that “our citizenship is in heaven.”

But we confess that at times the present moment looms larger than eternity, and we focus on earthly things.

Today's Second Lesson promises that the One we await is “a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” Let us therefore confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.

Almighty God, heavenly Father,

we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have reflected the society around us more than Your will for us in daily living. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death, He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who call on Him for forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

Green 421

**Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, Upon a cross they bound you,
And mocked your saving kingship's worth By thorns with which they
crowned you,
And still our wrongs may fashion now New thorns to pierce that steady brow,
And robe of sorrow round you.**

**O awesome Love, which finds no room In life where sin denies you,
And, doomed to death, shall bring to doom The pow'r which crucified you,
Till not a stone was left on stone, And then the nations' pride, o'er-thrown,
Will nevermore defy you!**

**New advent of the love of Christ, Will we again refuse you,
Till in the night of hate and war We perish as we lose you?
From ancient doubts our minds release To seek the kingdom of your peace,
By which alone we choose you.**

**O wounded hands of Jesus, build In us your new creation;
Our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled; We wait your revelation.
O Love that triumphs over loss, We bring our hearts before your cross
To finish your salvation.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1,3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Jeremiah prophesies judgment against Jerusalem.

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord

will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 4 (*antiphon v. 8*)



Cantor: In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;* for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in | safety.

Cantor: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was | in distress.* Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?* **How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?**

Cantor: But know that the Lord has set apart the godly | for himself;* the Lord hears when I | call to him.

Be angry, and | do not sin;* ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

Cantor: Offer right sacri- | fices,* and put your trust | in the Lord.

There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good?* **Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O Lord!”**

Cantor: You have put more joy | in my heart* than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;* for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in | safety.

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 peace I will both lie | down and sleep;* for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in | safety.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven from where we expect a Savior.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor: Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (*Luke 13:35*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

Jesus laments over Jerusalem.



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

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to

gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Religion and Politics

Luke 13:31-35

Stand

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

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
setting by Donald Busarow

Green 325

Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me depart;
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust thy Word.

**Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify thy lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile, Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death thy comfort still afford.**

Lord, let at last thine angels come, To Abr'hams bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until thy reappearing.

Congregation joins:

**And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise thee without end!**

N I C E N E C R E E D

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

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

. . . through Your Son, 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

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

Be Thou My Vision (Blue 776)
setting by Timothy Shaw

Piano

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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.

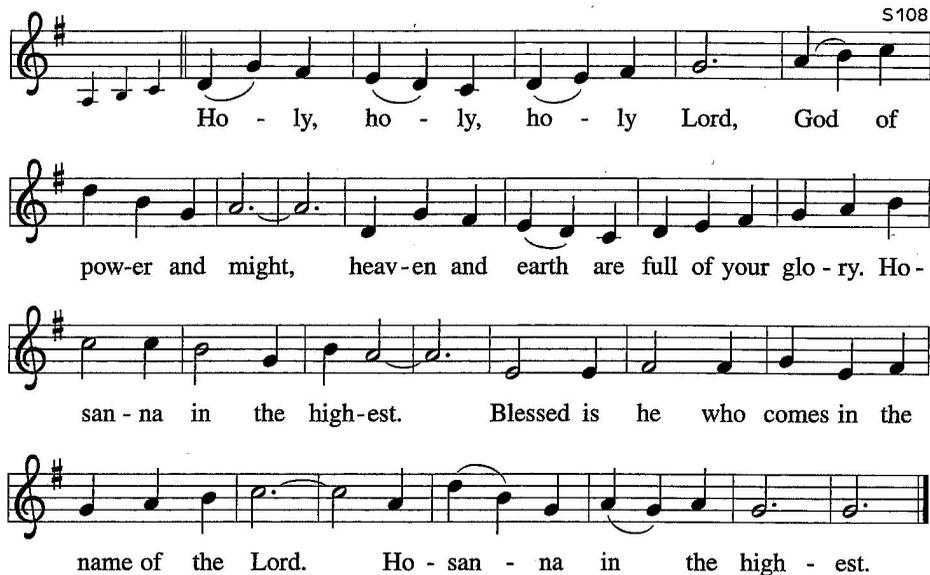
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S108



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

O God of resurrection . . . with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us . . . with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones . . . 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

All who trust, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.
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 112

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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Thy Holy Wings
st. 1 - cantor

Blue 741

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Blue 725

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Blue 699

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Refrain

**Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

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 — Third Sunday in Lent (Year C): Ezekiel 33:7-20; Psalm 85;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Isabella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr
CANTOR -----Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Amber Brown, Dawn Payne
LECTOR-----Mark Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	113	Bible Class	46
Communion.....	93	Offering	5693
Sunday School	19	Needed Weekly	4861
Staff.....	7	Specials	1135

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 2

Lenten Midweek #1 - 68

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY **WORSHIP**-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

MONDAY - **ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING** ----6:30 - 8:00 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 - **LENTEN MEAL**-----5:30 - 6:30 P.M.
 LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE ----- 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY **WORSHIP**-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 FAMILY FLEECE FEST ----- 12:00 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 in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying a six-week Lenten Bible topic, “Living Lent: As People of the Resurrection.” Today’s session is “People.” This class coincides with the theme of our Lenten Midweek services this year. 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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY — Pick up your copy of the most current pictorial directory. One per family is available in the back of church.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP — Join us for *Living Lent*, a special series of services for the season of Lent on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. Each service in this series focuses on a word to consider while living Lent as Easter people. Week Two in the series is based on the word PEOPLE and reminds us that we are called to be among people in this world. People matter to God; he sent Jesus to save them. People should matter to us; we are sent to love them. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children’s sermon, a sermon and hymns that help us to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.

FAMILY FLEECE FEST — Help us warm bodies and hearts as we meet to make fleece blankets to be donated to a local charity. We will meet next Sunday, February 28th, following Sunday School. Eat lunch on your own and return to Luther Hall around noon. All skill levels are needed to complete blankets with materials purchased with seed money from Thrivent Financial. Please contact Jill Clausen at 402-592-2593 with any questions.

LENTEN DINNER SIGN-UPS — Please look for the Lenten dinner sign-up sheets in the back of church today. Help is needed with serving and clean-up.

LENTEN MEAL — Fellowship meals are available each week prior to the Midweek Lenten service from 5:30 - 6:30 at a modest cost. This week the menu is hot roast beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and assorted pies. Children’s meals of macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, and chips will be available also. Make plans to join us each week.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Our 15-week Spring Adult Information Class continues today 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.

EASTER LILIES — Would you like to help decorate the altar for Easter? Easter lilies will be available for \$10 each. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please sign up by March 20. Please indicate whether you will be taking or leaving the plant.

FISH FRY FAN CLUB — Please join us as we go to St. Patrick's Church to enjoy it’s fish fry on Friday, February 26th. The church is located at 215 N. 7th St in Missouri Valley, IA. To carpool, meet at 5pm at Mt Olive Lutheran Church. We can also just meet you there. If you have questions, please ask Bonnie White or Jill Clausen.

GATHERING OF ALMS — As part of your Lenten discipline, we encourage individuals and families to fast one meal each week during Lent. Bring the money you would have spent for that meal and put it into a special envelope that is available inside the Sunday bulletin during Lent. Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Lutheran World Relief and Concordia University, Seward, will receive the Lenten alms.

HELP WANTED — Lamb of God Preschool at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church is looking to hire a new preschool aide starting with the 2016-2017 school year. This individual must have experience working with young children. A degree in education or related field is preferred. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30-12:30 following a school year schedule. Interested individuals can contact teacher/director Kay Storck at 402-391-2288 or e-mail LambofGodPreschool@PacificHillsLutheran.org.

LUTHERAN CREDIT UNION — A new credit union is now available for Lutherans. Lutheran Federal Credit Union (LFCU) began nation-wide operations in May 2015. LFCU is a federally chartered credit union, so members’ savings are insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. LFCU offers all the typical services you would expect from a credit union: no fee checking, free, unlimited in-network ATM transactions nationwide, on-line banking, free bill pay, and mobile banking, savings accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), loans (home mortgage, auto, motorcycle, and personal), credit cards. Although LFCU is an on-line institution, it offers 30,000 in-network ATMs nation-wide and 5,000 walk-in locations through the “Shared Branching” network of participating credit unions. There are 10 shared branches and 54 ATM locations in the Greater Omaha area. (For example, the ATM closest to our church is in the Hy-Vee store on North 30th Street.) You can learn more at <https://www.lutheranfcu.org>.

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 POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) missionaries working with Arabic speaking immigrants here in metro Omaha.

STEWARDSHIP — “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” (*Philippians 3:19*) St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

Praying for Our Parish in 2016

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

February 26
Joel Stacy
Chelsea Standley

February 27
Debbie Fly
Jane Harpster