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# PRICELESS

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CHRIST · JESUS · MY · LORD

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**March 13, 2016**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816



Sunday Worship .....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.  
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**As Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters, we greet one another as family in Christ.  
Please take a moment to welcome those sitting near you.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



**5TH SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

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Israel recalled walking through the water of the Red Sea on dry land. To the nation exiled in Babylon, God promised a new thing: rivers in the desert when they would return to the Promised Land. Paul remembered being a devout Pharisee. To his fellow believers, he writes off that life as rubbish for the new gift God has given him: righteousness through faith in Christ. The religious leaders of Jesus' day thought they had inherited the nation and temple as their own. Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom would be given to others. Each day God's mercies come to us new as a gift. Daily we die to sin and live to righteousness. How then shall we live out this new life?

**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 God's Old Testament people, we remember His rescuing them and us from spiritual and physical enemies, that we might declare His praise.

**But we confess that too often we still fear those who would harm us and deceive us, unsure of God's almighty protection.**

With generations before us who joyfully harvested their crops, we give thanks for all the great things the Lord has done for us.

**But we confess that too often we focus on the gifts and forget the Giver. We are glad, but do not always give God the credit.**

With Paul and the saints before us, we proclaim the righteousness that comes from Christ alone through the God-given faith He has bestowed on us.

**But we confess that too often we seek to impress God with our own righteousness. We hope He will answer prayers, thinking that we deserve to be heard.**

Although our Lord warned His opponents of the judgment they faced, because He, the rejected stone, has become the cornerstone on which the Church is built in grace and mercy, let us 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 considered ourselves better than others; we have expected You to bless us in all things. 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. Our heavenly Father is therefore ready to welcome us to our heavenly home at the end of our pilgrimage on earth. 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

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Green 97

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through your suff'ring, death, and merit Life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction And have borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;  
For you chose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that brought my pardon, For the sorrows deep and sore,  
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
Thank you for the groaning, sighing, For the bleeding and the dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, Praise you evermore on high.**

### 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 - le - i - son.  
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sit

**WORD**  
 We Hear God's Word.

**FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

The Lord is about to perform another act of deliverance.

*Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.*

The Word of the Lord.

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



*Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*

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

Cantor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (*Luke 20:17b*)

## H O L Y   G O S P E L

**Luke 20:9-20**

The parable of the vineyard tenants.



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

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

*[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Heaven forbid!” But he looked at them and said, “What then does this text mean: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said,*

*so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sit**

**S E R M O N**

**Don't Dwell In The Past**

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

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

My Song Is Love Unknown  
*setting by Donald Busarow*

Choir

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake The Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne, Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know.  
But O my Friend, my Friend, indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, And for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise.

They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He to suff'ring goes That He His foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine!  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

**Stand**

## 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

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
. . . almighty Father, forever and ever!  
**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

What Wondrous Love  
*setting by Sally Drennan Massing*

Piano (Green 385)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

## OFFERING PRAYER

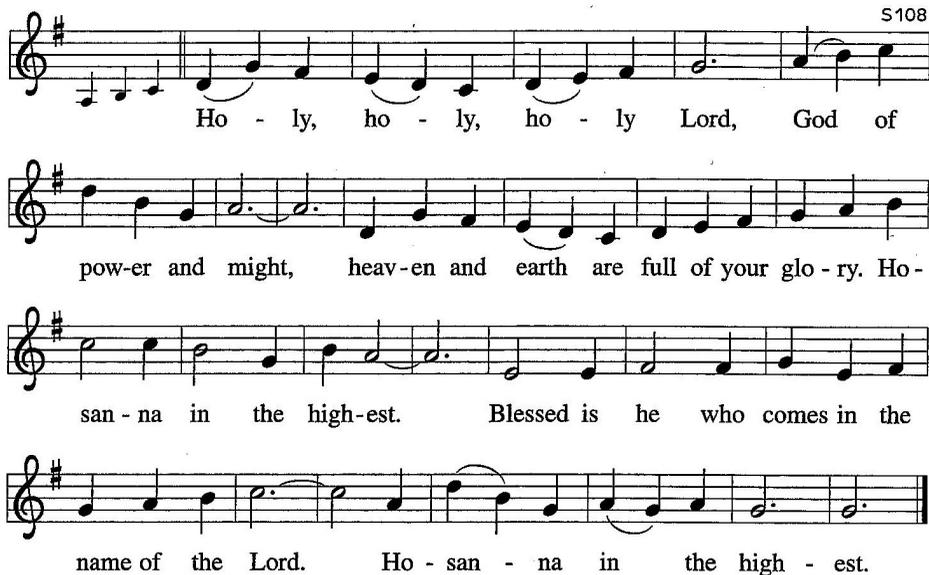
God our provider,  
**you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Green 294

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Green 482

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue 747

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;  
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**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** — Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday (Year C): Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:1-23:56

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

**ACOLYTE**-----Robbie Moffett, Jr.  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Arnie Jacobson  
**CANTOR** ----- Melissa Lorang  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Ron & Annette Hurt  
**LECTOR**-----Max Williams

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

Worship Attendance.....	133	Bible Class .....	31
Communion.....	97	Offering .....	6478
Sunday School .....	19	Needed Weekly .....	4861
Staff.....	6	Specials .....	660

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 10

Lenten Midweek #4 - 57

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

**TODAY** CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 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.

**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.  
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING  
MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE  
EASTER EGG HUNT ----- 2:00 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 “Pain.” This class coincides with the theme of our Lenten Midweek services this year. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

**NEXT SUNDAY** — Come a few minutes earlier than normal for the Procession of Palms.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** — Our annual Easter egg hunt at 28th and Craig Park for the community will be held next Sunday, March 20th, at 2:00 p.m. Come join us.

**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 Five in the series is based on the word PAIN and reminds us that the pain of rejection and the pain of a father when a son leaves demonstrate the reckless love of God revealed in Jesus, who wipes every tear from our eyes. 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.

**THE GREAT THREE DAYS** - We will have worship opportunities on Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday evenings (March 24-26). All of these services are incomplete and anticipate your return the next day. Please make plans to be with us. This is all part of the most sacred week of the year for us Christians.

**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 corned beef and cabbage, carrots, Irish potatoes, Irish soda bread, rye bread, and assorted jell-o. Children’s meals of macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, and chips will be available also. Make plans to join us each week.

**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** — We had a good time at our last fish fry so we will do it again. This time we will go to the VFW Post #3421 at 3434 McKinley on Friday, March 18th, at 5:30 PM. They serve deep fried Alaska pollock, either regular or Cajun, plus baked potato or fries, along with coleslaw, baked beans, bread and cake. Coffee or tea is included. The donation amount is \$10. If you have questions, please ask Bonnie White or Jill Clausen.

**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](mailto: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** — “He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” (*Luke 20:16*) The crowds were shocked at Jesus’ parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom – let us not take it for granted, but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

**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.

**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.

March 14  
Albert Harpster III  
Deborah Prine

March 16  
Ben Cox

March 17  
Jason Stacy