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**May 01, 2016**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# WELCOME TO MT. 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 this sacred time of praising and praying together; of singing, speaking and listening together; of being strengthened together in faith, for service. Amen.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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The Sundays of Easter all reflect Easter Day itself in some way. Jesus reminds His disciples, including Philip and James the Less, that He is going back to the Father and that things will be changing here on earth. He has shared with them enough of His message and His presence that He can return to the Father in heaven, knowing that the fruits of His resurrection will continue after His departure as the promised Holy Spirit continues to work among the apostles and others. From those first days after the resurrection down to our own time, all Christians are assured and confident Easter people!

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**Stand**

**GATHERING**  
We Enter God's Presence.

**INVOCATION**

## OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 36:7-10)*

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

**The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

They feast on the abundance of Your house,

**and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

For with You is the fountain of life;

**in Your light do we see light.**

Oh, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You,

**and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have not always said “Thy will be done” in our hearts when we have been faced with decisions in our lives.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting that indeed we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless—advocates of those not yet born and those in the final stages of life.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**

We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agenda for our lives and actions.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O God.**

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

Blue 676

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.**

**Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain.  
But now Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, a-ris--en.**

**My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.**

**Refrain**

**Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.**

**Refrain**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE

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

### Congregation

The musical score is written on three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, the middle for the Congregation, and the bottom for the bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The Cantor part begins with a rest followed by a half note G4. The Congregation part begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a half note B4. The lyrics 'Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e-le - i - son. (hum)' are written below the Congregation staff. The Cantor part ends with a double bar line and repeat sign. The Congregation part ends with a double bar line and repeat sign. The bass line part ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

*Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Lord, have mercy.*

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

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

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.

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

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

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

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

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### This Is The Feast

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

All

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

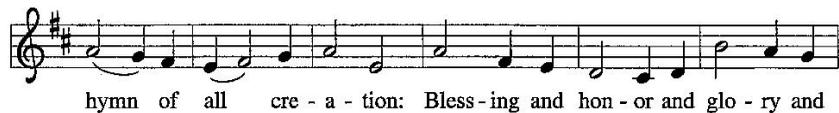
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

### WORD

We Hear God's Word.

## FIRST LESSON

### Acts 16:9-15

Paul's vision and the beginning of the ministry in Macedonia.

*During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have*

*judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 67

**REFRAIN: Choir only**

**REFRAIN: Choir and Congregation**

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God,  
Let all the peo - ple praise you.

**PSALM: Choir** God be gracious to us and bless us;  
may the light of your face shine upon us;  
That your ways may be known on the earth,  
your salvation among all nations.

**REFRAIN: Choir and Congregation**

**PSALM: Choir** Let the nations exult in you, and shout with joy;  
For with justice you judge the peoples,  
and rule the nations of the earth.

**REFRAIN: Choir and Congregation**

**PSALM: Choir** The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.  
May God continue to give us his blessing,  
until all the ends of the earth worship him.

**REFRAIN: Choir and Congregation**

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## SECOND LESSON

### Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

The glory of the New Jerusalem is the Lamb of God.

*Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Turn as the cross passes.*

Cantor begins, congregation joins in on “alleluias.”

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The score is written on two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a simple accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble clef staff.



Cantor: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. (John 14:23)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

### **John 16:23-33**

Jesus speaks of leaving the world and returning to the Father.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

*[Jesus said,] “On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## G O S P E L   A C C L A M A T I O N

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** *(twice)*

**Sit**

## S E R M O N

**Forward Into God's Future**

**Acts 16:9-15**

**Stand**

## H Y M N   O F   T H E   D A Y

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
*st. 3, 6, 9 - choir*

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**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!**

**Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.**

My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

**But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.**

**God said to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation;  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."**

The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore, A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

**To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle;  
For I am yours, and you are mine, And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us."**

**"Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of my life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin;  
And you are blest forever."**

"Now to my Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you."

**"What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."**

#### 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.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

. . . Lord, in Your mercy.

**hear our prayer.**

. . . through 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.*

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
*setting by John Helgen*

Cantor

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
He lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,

**O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### PREFACE

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

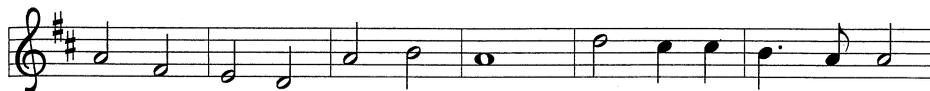
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . . 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

The gifts of God for the people 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

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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.

Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word

Green 379

Sing With All the Saints in Glory  
*st. 1 - cantor*

Blue 691

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Blue 801

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Be My Leader

Tune: Slane (469)

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ by my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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**NEXT SUNDAY** – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133;  
Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20; John 17:20-26

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

**ACOLYTE**-----Isabella Wegner  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTOR** -----Mark Flemmer  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Mike & Marcia Steckelberg  
**LECTOR**----- Marsha Behr

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

Worship Attendance.....	119	Bible Class .....	41
Communion .....	89	Offering.....	4522
Sunday School .....	19	Needed Weekly .....	4861
Staff .....	7	Specials .....	12

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

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.
TUESDAY	-	MT. OLIVE BOOK CLUB-----	7:00 P.M.
		PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL -----	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP/MOTHER'S DAY-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR** – During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. This week the focus will continue on “Who Is The Holy Spirit?” and begin “Prayer.” Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The flowers in the chancel this morning are in memory Frank J. Sabatka from his son, Frank.

**THANK YOU** – Many thanks to Roger Wilson for the hand-carved Trinity symbol he made that is displayed above the Sunday School registration desk.

**PASCHAL CANDLE** – The Paschal candle burns near the altar through the Day of Pentecost and then it is placed near the baptismal font and lit for baptisms. For funerals it stands at the head of the casket. The paschal candle represents the risen Christ shining in the splendor of the resurrection. The five wax nails represent Christ’s five wounds.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** — “Living H2O” Lutheran Campus Ministry is offering two \$500.00 scholarships to students from Omaha area congregations attending college in the metro Omaha area. All applications must be received by June 1, 2016 for enrollment of the fall semester of the 2016/2017 academic year. Contact don@living-h2o.org or at “Living H2O” Lutheran Campus Ministry, 1110 S. 90th St., Omaha, NE 68124 for an application.

**NEED** – Ushers and Greeters are needed. The requirements are one Sunday per month and arriving 20 minutes early before worship. Contact Mike Townsend, Sr. at 402-573-0846.

**STEWARDSHIP** — “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”” (*Acts 16:9*) God does all the saving of the Macedonians – but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

**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>.

**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.

May 1  
Dixie Gerhart

May 1  
Dean Hinsley

May 2  
Jessica Olmstead

May 4  
Paul

April 30  
Suzan Jank