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**May 15, 2016**

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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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 our celebration of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit breathed the church into being! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



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The Scriptures share many accounts of God coming down to earth. From the moment of creation when “the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (*Genesis 1:2*), God has come down to this favored planet many times and in many ways. On Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit came down to earth in a most dramatic way, fulfilling the promise of His descent that Jesus had made to His disciples. That blessed Spirit continues to come among God’s people, calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying them. As we gather, we witness to that Spirit at work among and through us.

**P R E L U D E**

**R I N G I N G   O F   T H E   C A R I L L O N**

**Stand**

**G A T H E R I N G**

We Enter God’s Presence.

**I N V O C A T I O N**

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 41:13; 43:3, 4*)

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**from everlasting to everlasting!**

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

**let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

**and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts 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.**

With true hearts, let us confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God's righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Green 459

**O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts your work begin,  
And make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine, Your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance Life from heaven Now is given Overflowing,  
Gift of Gifts beyond all knowing.**

Left to ourselves, we surely stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,  
With wisest counsel guide us; And give us steadfastness, that we  
May follow you forever free, No matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those Hearts now broken; Give some token You are near us,  
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your good Word in doubt and strife  
Be in us strongly burning That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.  
Lord, Your mercy on us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,  
We will cherish all Your blessing.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE

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

#### Congregation

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a single note, a whole note G4, with the lyrics "... let us pray to the Lord:". The middle staff is for the Congregation, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the lyrics "Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)". The bottom staff is for the Congregation, with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the same lyrics as the middle staff. The music is in 4/4 time and features a simple harmonic accompaniment.

*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*)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sit

**WORD**

We Hear God's Word.

**FIRST LESSON**

**Genesis 11:1-9**

God destroys the tower of Babel project.

*Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 143 (antiphon v. 10)



Cantor: Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\* Let your good Spirit lead me  
on | level ground!

Cantor: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\* In your  
faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\* for no one living is righteous  
be- | fore you.**

Cantor: For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life | to the ground;\*  
he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.

**Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me;\* my heart within me | is appalled.**

Cantor: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;\* I ponder  
the work | of your hands.

**I stretch out my | hands to you;\* my soul thirsts for you like a | parched  
land.**

Cantor: Answer me quickly, O Lord! My | spirit fails!\* Hide not your face from me,  
lest I be like those who go down | to the pit.

**Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in | you I trust.\*  
Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift | up my soul.**

Cantor: Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!\* I have fled to you for | refuge!

**Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\* Let your good Spirit lead  
me on | level ground!**

Cantor: For your name's sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!\* In your righteousness  
bring my soul out of | trouble!

**And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies,\* and you will  
destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your | servant.**

**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: Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\* Let your good Spirit lead me  
on | level ground!

SECOND LESSON

**Acts 2:1-21**

The account of the Day of Pentecost.

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*"

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Stand**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Turn as the cross passes.)

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Blue 686

Congregation

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Latin pronunciation: vě-ně sán-ktě spě-rě-tus

Cantor: Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.

**Refrain**

HOLY GOSPEL

**John 14:23-31**

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.



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

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

*Jesus answered him, "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. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Cantor: Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come, Breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.

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

Sit

# SERMON

**We Believe In The Holy Spirit**

**The Lessons**

Stand

# HYMN OF THE DAY

O Day Full of Grace (*setting by Walter L. Pelz*)

Green 161

All 1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
Women 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the  
Choir 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own When He on the  
Men 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it now  
all 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go That Christ is for  
earth's he - av - en, Bring light from our God that we may  
earth at - riv - ing, Then came to the world that light sub -  
crucis was hang - ing, And then He a - rose and moved the  
He re - veal - ing, That we might un - may from His be -  
the pro - ph - et - ing, We'll gath - er in - sing, our hearts, a -  
we re - joice in His joy this sea - son, God, shine for us  
like that joy be - us all in - triav - ing, For Je - sus all  
stone that way on - to Him be - long - ing, Might join with an -  
lent, All dark - ness far us de - pol - ling, His flame will the  
glow All joy of the heav - en's shar - ing, And walk in the  
now in this dark place, Your name on our hearts en - bla - zed,  
our life en - braced, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing,  
glor - ious to raise Our voices in god - less sing - ing,  
smack of sin - ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing,  
light of God's own place, With an - gels His name a - dor - ing.

### THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. Although not written by the apostles of the first century, it expresses the faith they brought to the nations as the Holy Spirit enlarged the Church. Today we confess the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, which testifies to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and speak together the section of Luther's Small Catechism that explains it.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

. . . both now and forevermore.

**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."*

## 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

Loving Spirit  
*setting by Greg Bottomley*

Piano

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be  
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed  
In your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

### 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

S 152

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

S 154

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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second and third staves continue the melody. The fourth staff concludes with a final double bar line.

Come Down, O Love Divine

Green 508

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading  
*cantor on stanzas, congregation 4-part harmony on refrain*

Blue 687

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Green 523

Stand

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## EASTER GREETING

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

## CLOSING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Tune: Cwm Rhondda (343)

**God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,  
There with Christ to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,  
Kindle us to speak your truth!**

**God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,  
Make us one in Christ our Lord!**

**God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!  
 Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.  
 Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,  
 Claim us for your kingdom's work!**

**P O S T L U D E**

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**N E X T S U N D A Y** – The Holy Trinity (Year C): Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;  
 Acts 2:14a, 22-36; John 8:48-59

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

**ACOLYTE**-----Isabella Wegner  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTORS**----- Mark Flemmer, Sarah Jank  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**-----Rosalie Soodsma, Taylor Thomas  
**LECTOR**----- Dixie Gerhart

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

Worship Attendance.....	120	Bible Class .....	37
Communion.....	96	Offering .....	4197
Sunday School .....	20	Needed Weekly .....	4861
Staff.....	7	Specials .....	40

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 7

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

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

**WEDNESDAY** - CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.  
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

**SATURDAY** - BLOOD DRIVE----- 7:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**SUNDAY** WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.  
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

May 15, 2016 (C)

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

**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 “Prayer.” Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

**WEAR RED** – We are wearing red this morning to celebrate the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out in full measure on Jesus’ first disciples. Red is the color that represents the Holy Spirit.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – Taylor Thomas, who has worshiped with us the last four years while attending Creighton University, graduated yesterday with a degree in nursing. She has been a true blessing to us and now is moving back to Massachusetts to work on passing her nursing board exam. We wish her well as she leaves Omaha.

**VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY** – Today after the Education Hour is our quarterly Voters’ Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation.

**ETHIOPIAN CUISINE & GARAGE SALE** – Today from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church at 5529 Leavenworth Street enjoy a home-cooked Ethiopian dinner and a garage sale to support a mission trip this summer.

**GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE** – The Red Cross will be visiting Mount Olive on Saturday, May 21st, from 7:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Please help save a life. To schedule your donation, please contact Bonnie White at 402-496-7682 or bjhjwhite@cox.net.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** – Krista Townsend from Millard North High School and Emily Standley from Omaha Northwest High School. Congratulations.

**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.

**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.

**AUTOMATIC GIVING** — *Simply Giving* is a way to make your Sunday morning offerings convenient and consistent through preauthorized withdrawal from your checking account at no extra cost to you. It is safe and secure. Your giving continues even if you are out of town or aren’t able to be at a worship service. Pick up a *Simply Giving* brochure from Max Williams or from the Church Office. More members each year are using this plan.

**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 17  
Grant Wegner  
Isabella Wegner

May 17  
Sally Hassan

May 19  
Mark Flemmer

May 20  
Lorraine Irwin

May 21  
Nancy Stierle