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He marveled at him, and turning
to the crowd that followed him,
said, "I tell you, not even in Israel
have I found such faith."

+ Luke 7:9 +

May 29, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 4)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Education Hour 10:20 A.M.
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A warm welcome to members and guests who gather today for worship and Christian fellowship. May we be blessed as we bless God and one another.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



**2ND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

May 29, 2016

We now begin the long “green” season of Sundays after Pentecost. This is the teaching season in which the focus of the Lessons turns from the events in Christ’s life to His teaching. The Time of the Church begins with a commendable faith from a surprising source. A Roman centurion heard about Jesus, asked for Jesus to intervene for his servant who was sick, and demonstrated remarkable confidence in the word and promise of the Son of God. We pray that we may have such trust in the word and promise of God and hold to this unchanging Gospel without fear.

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

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 John 1:8-9*)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Green 543

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

A P O S T O L I C G R E E T I N G

K Y R I E

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



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

Lord, have mercy. (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.

Lord, have mercy. (above)

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

Lord, have mercy. (above)

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



P R A Y E R O F T H E D A Y

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43

King Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. “Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (shouted)

PSALM 96

Cantate Domino: Jazz Motet
setting by Johannes Matthias Michel

Choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.

*Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord, and bless his name.*

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 1:1-12

Beware of contrary gospels.

Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead and all the members of God's family who are with me, to the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

S124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,* so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:1-10

Jesus heals the centurion's slave.



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

Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he

said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

A Surprising Life

Luke 7:1-10

Stand

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

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

A P O S T L E S ' C R E E D

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
. . . for the sake of 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

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

G A T H E R I N G O F T I T H E S A N D O F F E R I N G S

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
setting by *Greg Bottomley*

Piano

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

PRÉFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

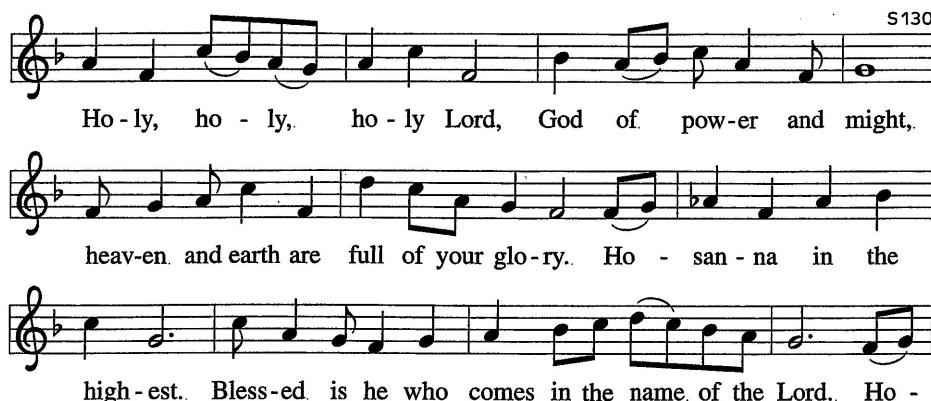
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANTUS

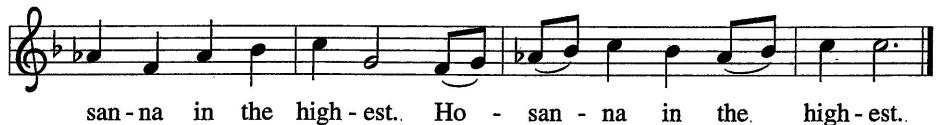
S 130



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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Therefore, gracious Father, . . . the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers . . . until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



LORD'S PRAYER (*join hands*)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven....

INVITATION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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 135a

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.
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Green 419

Oh, Sing to the Lord!

st. 3 - cantor

Blue 795

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue 747

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Green 230

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Third Sunday after Pentecost (Year C): 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE -----	----- Isabella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER -----	----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR -----	----- Mark Flemmer
EUCARISTIC GIFTS -----	----- Kelsea Townsend, Krista Townsend
LECTOR -----	----- Dixie Gerhart
PERCUSSION -----	----- Sarah Jank, Mark Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance	112	Bible Class.....	37
Communion.....	90	Offering	5263
Sunday School	19	Needed Weekly	4861
Staff.....	6	Specials	75

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	-	MEMORIAL DAY/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
		BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	

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 be on “Baptism.” Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

CAROL CHILDERS BENEFIT – Next Saturday, June 4th, at 1:00 p.m., a benefit will be held for Carol Childers at the Forgot Store (11909 Calhoun Road). Tickets for the meal are being sold in the back of church for \$7. If you would like to donate a baked good, please deliver it to the Forgot Store on the day of the benefit. If you would like to make a donation, please make the check payable to Carol Childers. You can either put it in the offering plate or give it to Carol directly. Carol's family invites you to “Come have fun and food. Help us show Carol how much she is loved.”

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

STEWARDSHIP — “I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel.” (*Galatians 1:6*) The Bible uses the image of “turning” to another gospel, or to another god, to show us the seriousness of sin. When we are tempted to follow some sinful course of action, we are being told to turn our backs on God. But the Lord calls upon us to turn away from sin and turn toward Him – where we will find a Father's smiling face and loving embrace. In our stewardship, let us not turn toward greed in fear, but toward our Lord in humility and faith.

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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN'T TAKE VACATIONS — This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Mount Olive relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Pick up an authorization

form. We thank you for your continued support!

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>.

THANK YOU — Many thanks to all those folks who volunteered to help out with the Free Popcorn stand along the Florence Day Parade route. Thankfully, Ray Hogan popped up a super huge bag of popcorn the night before, as we could not pop it fast enough for the crowd on the day of the parade. Laura Hogan was our Popcorn Popping Aficionado. Laura has a real passion for popcorn and people. Barb Stacy and Jody Wells-Padron stood alongside Laura, lending her a helping hand and handing out popcorn as fast as she could pop it. Luckily, Victor Padron was available to act as "gofer." He made two trips to No Frills to pick up more popcorn cups. As usual, Arnie Jacobson and I gave a repeat performance of "Laurel and Hardy put up a Tent." Two McDonald's customers (watching our antics) came to our rescue...as the tent somersaulted in the wind onto 30th street. Zach and Roberto helped us grab the tent and secure the tent legs to the tables. Arnie, otherwise known as the "Duke of Duct Tape," used up about half of my brand new roll. Nancy Stierle was mobbed by kids as she tried to hand out Mardi Gras necklaces. We handed out VBS magnets created by Kristi Townsend and snack bags of candy put together by Becky Hurt. Arnie took at least a hundred pictures of the parade, the best ones are on the bulletin board by the north doors. If you missed the parade, check out Arn's pictures. It's just like being there. Sincere thanks to all.

-Dixie Gerhart

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — You won't want to miss the fourth annual party held at the Kosch's home on Sunday, July 3, 2016, from 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. to celebrate Independence Day. Mount Olive and all of its family, neighbors and friends are welcome to join in. There will be jump houses for the kids, a bonfire, trampoline jumping, horseshoes, chicken rides, swing sets, and lots of food. Grilling will start at 6:00 p.m. with hotdogs, brats, buns, chips, salads, plates, utensils, condiments, ice water and lemonade, all provided. You are invited to bring a bag of chips or dip or a dessert to share if you like. There will be a DJ with music and karaoke. At 10:00 p.m. "Big Bob's Fireworks choreographed to Music Extravaganza" will begin. Come for the food or fireworks or both! All are welcome. The address is 12652 County Road 36, Blair, Nebraska, 68008. If you would like directions, please check out the flyer on the north hallway bulletin board. If you get lost, please call 402-253-7324.

May 29, 2016 (C)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 4)

THANK YOU — We say thanks to God for all those who offered their musical abilities to enhance our worship at Mount Olive during the past nine months. We are particularly mindful of the Adult Choir members who rehearse weekly so they can energize our singing and help lead our praise and thanksgiving to God. Thank you to Galen Behr, Mark Flemmer (cantor), Sarah Jank (cantor), Suzan Jank, Paul Kosch, Joan Kowalski, Melissa Lorang (cantor), Liz Matson, Lynne Ridner, Rosalie Soodsma, Gloria Sorensen, Mark Sorensen, and Bob Wegner. Rachel Misiolek serves faithfully as accompanist. The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7.

THANK YOU — A tremendous THANK YOU to the Sunday School staff for the past school year: Galen Behr, Jill Clausen, Dixie Gerhart, Suzan Jank, Joan Johnson, Connie Townsend and Kelly Wegner.

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 David and Barbara Bush 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.

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 29
Wesley Padron

June 1
Taylynn Kinney

June 1
Frank Tierney

June 1
Kelly Wegner
June 1
Jody Wells-Padron