



August 7, 2016

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 14)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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The psalmist states (Psalm 50:23) that thanksgiving is the sacrifice that best glorifies God. Welcome to worship as we thank and praise the Lord together.

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



12TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning - to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

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 *(based on Hebrews 11)*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

By faith, we understand that God created the universe by His Word.

By faith, Abel obeyed God and received eternal life.

By faith, Enoch pleased God.

By faith, Noah built the ark and became an heir of God's righteousness.

By faith, Abraham obeyed God and ventured to a land he did not know.

By faith, Sarah welcomed the promise of God in a son.

By faith, we look to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to overcome our worries, to guide our lives, and to open our eyes to our neighbor's needs.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Worry reveals that we are sinful to the core by nature and that we cannot free ourselves from it. By things done and left undone, we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We confess our sins to You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith we join Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and Sarah in blessing the world with Your mercy.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 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

The God of Abraham Praise

Green 544

**The God of Abr'ham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, And God of love.**

**Jehovah, great I Am! By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.**

**The God of Abr'ham praise, At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys At his right hand.**

**I all on earth forsake Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r
And him my only portion make, My shield and tow'r.**

**The God of Abr'ham praise, Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend; He calls himself my God!
And he shall save me to the end Through Jesus' blood.**

**He by himself has sworn; I on his oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, To heav'n ascend.
I shall behold his face; I shall his pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace Forevermore.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (sung)

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

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (sung)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

God's promise of a child for Abraham and Sarah.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 33:11-22 (*antiphon v. 20*)



Cantor: Our soul waits | for the Lord;* he is our help | and our shield.

Cantor: Blesséd is the nation whose God | is the Lord,* the people whom he has
chosen as his | heritage!

The Lord looks down from | heaven;* he sees all the chil- | dren of man;

Cantor: from where he sits enthroned he | looks out* on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
he who fashions the hearts | of them all* and observes | all their deeds.

Cantor: The king is not saved by his great | army;* a warrior is not delivered by his |
great strength.

**The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation,* and by its great might it
cannot | rescue.**

Cantor: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear him,* on those who hope in
his | steadfast love,

**that he may deliver their | soul from death* and keep them alive in |
famine.**

Cantor: Our soul waits | for the Lord;* he is our help | and our shield.

For our heart is | glad in him,* because we trust in his | holy name.

Cantor: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be up- | on us,* even as we | hope in you.

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: Our soul waits | for the Lord;* he is our help | and our shield.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-16

The faith of Abraham and others.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor: Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

God wants to give you the treasure of His kingdom. Sell all else.



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

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

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in

heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Strangers In A Foreign Land

Hebrews 11:1-16

Stand

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Green 476

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

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.
. . . and gracious will, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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

Have No Fear, Little Flock
jazz setting by Aaron David Miller

Piano

Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, 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



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks...now and forever.

Amen.

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

Christ invites you. Welcome to the feast.

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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Green 463

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Green 457

st. 2 - cantor

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Green 333

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B E N E D I C T I O N

C L O S I N G H Y M N

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Blue 771

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

D I S M I S S A L

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

P O S T L U D E

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N E X T S U N D A Y – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year C): Jeremiah 23:16-29;
 Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3, Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Bella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Melissa Lorang
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Sarah Jank, Ashley Batten
LECTOR-----Max Williams

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	100	Bible Class	40
Communion	79	Offering.....	3924
Sunday School	15	Needed Weekly.....	4861
Staff.....	6	Specials.....	12

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
 THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. This week we continue our discussion of “Holy Communion.” Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

NEXT SUNDAY — Door offering for Lutherans For Life.

THANKS — Many thanks to the outstanding group of kids and teens that helped out with the games in the parking lot last Tuesday night at our National Night Out event. These young people were hard-working, enthusiastic and most important of all...very gracious with our guests/visitors/neighbors. Thank you Albert Hogue, Aryanna Hogue, Mckoy Kosch, Austin Wegner, Grant Wegner and Isabella Wegner. You did a great job! Thanks also to Dustin Hogue, Mary Hogue and Mike Wegner for stepping in when the kids needed a break. It turned out to be a lot of fun. Thanks again!
 —Dixie Gerhart

THANK YOU — Thank you to all who gave to this year’s VBS Mission Project, *Tin Roofs for Africa*. This mission joins with Lutheran churches all over the world to build roofs for churches in Africa. \$100 is enough to provide the wooden structure for one roof. We collected \$244.86 towards these efforts. Also, many thanks for your prayers.

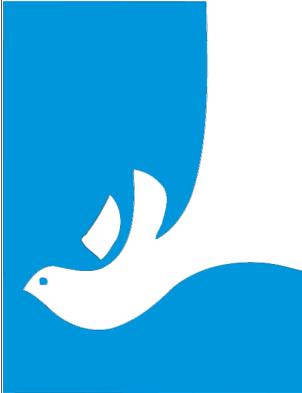
ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN'T TAKE VACATIONS — This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Mount Olive relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on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

STEWARDSHIP — “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” (*Luke 12:24*) God feeds the birds of the air – this we know, it's just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds...to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come, Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to trust to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

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.

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Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

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Lutherans For Life (LFL) provides unique Gospel-centered, life issue educational resources, audio/video, training, post-abortion counseling, and more from a Lutheran perspective. LFL seeks to “Equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life.” LFL makes resources available to thousands of Lutheran congregations and tens (if not hundreds) of thousands of parishioners

all year long.

Countless stories have been shared by individual Lutherans about how Lutherans For Life helped them maintain a Biblical view of sexual purity, decide against having an abortion, or receive healing from a past decision. Many others have benefited from knowing the biblical aspects of infertility issues and adoption and how to deal compassionately and practically with congregants facing end-of-life issues. **To do all this, LFL relies on financial support from congregations and other dedicated friends to make its work possible.**

To assist LFL at this time, a special offering will be taken for Lutherans For Life next Sunday. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact John Hawkins at 512.468.9777 or at jhawkins@lutheransforlife.org. More information is also available at www.lutheransforlife.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.

August 9

Galen Behr
Steven Degner

August 10

Tyler Fitzgarrald
Mike McGrath