



August 21, 2016

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 16)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816



Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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We worship in the name of God, the Maker of heaven and earth; Jesus, the Messiah who teaches us how to serve others; and the Holy Spirit, counselor, comforter, cultivator of faith. Amen.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



14TH SUNDAY August 21, 2016
AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is full of surprises. He says and does things differently than we might expect from God. Many will seek to enter the narrow door of the kingdom but will not be able. God's discipline of His children is an expression of His deep love for us. Some who are last will become first, and some who are first will find themselves last. How strange. The way of Jesus is the way of the cross, of suffering, discipline, and of being last. Divine strength is made perfect in human weakness. Grace unexpected is delivered in Word and Sacrament and through Jesus' own presence with us in our sufferings. Thank You, God, for grace unexpected and overflowing.

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

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Isaiah 66:22-23; Hebrews 12:5-6)*

For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before Me,
says the LORD,

so shall our offspring and our name remain.

From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath,

all flesh shall come to worship before the LORD.

Do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved
by Him.

**For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every child whom
He receives.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Loving Father,

**we are by nature sinful and unclean. Though we deserve nothing but
death for our sins, in Your mercy, You have given Your Son to die for us.
For Jesus' sake, please forgive us. Open our hearts to the freedom of life
in Your Holy Spirit.**

Beloved in the Lord, we are not consumed, because the Lord's compassion
never fails. His mercies are new every morning, and great is God's
faithfulness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His
authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

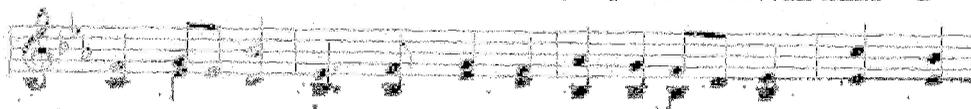
GATHERING HYMN

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

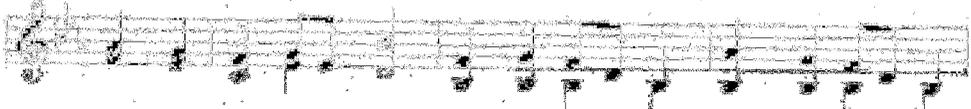
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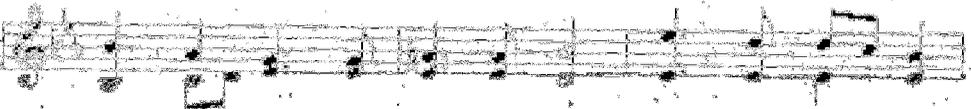
1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Fi - ce. At - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ter, Spring - ing from e -
3 Rock which has - i - ta - tion hav - ing. See the cloud and
4 Sav - let, since of Zi - on's cit - y I thence speak a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken. Turned you
his - tor - ical love, Well sup - ply your souls and strength - ens. And all
his ap - pear - ance For a glo - ry and a cur - ring, Show - ing
man - ner - am, Let the world de - side or pit - y. I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - gas found - ed,
fear of want no - where. Who can drink while such a riv - er
that the Lord is there. Time do - riv - ing from their hap - py
glo - ry in Your name. Fed - ing are the world's vain mis - tress.



What can shake your sure re - pose? With ad - ve - tion's
Ev - er will their throats re - sponse? Grace, which fills the
Light by night and shade by day. Safe they feed up -
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed. You may smile at all your foes.
Lord, do give us. Now - er fails from age to age.
on the rock - in. Which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures Name, but Zi - on's cit - y know.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C 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

Isaiah 66:18-23

From east and west people will come to declare God's praises.

For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud which draw the bow to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will

make, shall remain before me, says the Lord; so shall your descendants and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from sabbath to sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 50:1-15 (*antiphon v. 23*)



Cantor: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies me;* to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salva- | tion of God.

Cantor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and sum- | mons the earth* from the rising of the sun to its | setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,* God | shines forth.

Cantor: Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;* before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty | tempest.

He calls to the heav- | ens above* and to the earth, that he may judge his | people:

Cantor: “Gather to me my | faithful ones,* who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his | righteousness,* for God him- | self is judge!

Cantor: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify a- | gainst you.* I am | God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I re- | buke you;* your burnt offerings are continually be- | fore me.

Cantor: I will not accept a bull | from your house* or goats | from your folds.

For every beast of the for- | est is mine,* the cattle on a | thousand hills.

Cantor: I know all the birds | of the hills,* and all that moves in the | field is mine.

“If I were hungry, I would not | tell you,* for the world and its full- | ness are mine.

Cantor: Do I eat the | flesh of bulls* or drink the | blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanks- | giving,* and perform your vows to the | Most High,

Cantor: and call upon me in the day of | trouble;* I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

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: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glo- | rifies me;* to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salva- | tion of God.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)

Exhortation to faith and fear.

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children “My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.” Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. See to it that no one becomes like Esau, an immoral and godless person, who sold his birthright for a single meal. You know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, even though he sought the blessing with tears. You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly

of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. [See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken — that is, created things so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

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

Congregation:



Cantor: People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.

Congregation:



H O L Y G O S P E L

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus is the narrow door through which we enter God's kingdom.



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

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

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

A Different Perspective

Hebrews 12:4-29

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

st. 2 - cantor

Tune: Der Mange Skal Komme (313)



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . O Lord,
hear our prayer.
. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken
setting, Greg Bottomley

Piano

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, You may smile at all your foes.

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.

P R E F A C E

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:

S A N C T U S



☐ 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!

E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

We give you thanks . . . now and forever.

Amen.

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R *(join hands)*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven....

INVITATION

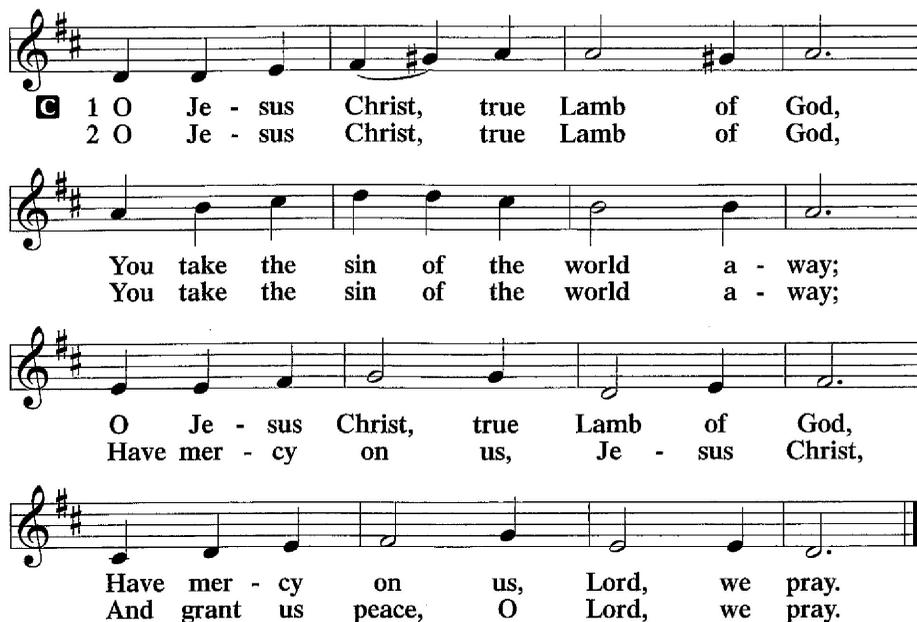
Christ invites you. Welcome to the feast.
Amen.

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.

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Green 304

You Are the Way; Through You Alone

Green 464

Come, We That Love the Lord
cantor on stanzas, congregation on refrain

Blue 742

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise
st. 3 - right side, st. 4 - left side

Blue 801

**Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

*Right: Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.*

*Left: Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.*

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light
 Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally
 Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee
 Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year C): Proverbs 25:2-10; Psalm 131; Hebrews 13:1-17; Luke 14:1-14

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Bella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Melissa Lorang
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Rosemary Block, Yo Tierney
LECTOR----- Max Williams

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	102	Bible Class	37
Communion.....	82	Offering	4586
Sunday School	18	Needed Weekly	4861
Staff.....	5	Specials	191

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING

SUNDAY - WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY — Pick up your 2016 church directory in the narthex.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Fall class begins Sunday, September 11, 3:30 P.M.

ADULT CHOIR — Returning choir members and new invitees are invited to a dessert gathering to begin the choir season on Thursday, September 1, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Gloria Sorensen (12630 North 60th Street).

STEWARDSHIP — “Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’” (*Luke 13:26*) Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word – but ignored it, refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but doers of Jesus' Word. We want not just proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him, and return thanks.

WELCOME — You are invited next Sunday, August 28, at 3:00 P.M. for the installation of Rev. William Moorhead at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. Rev. Dr. Russell Sommerfeld, former Nebraska district president, will perform the installation and preach. A light dinner will be served in the school gym afterwards. Please bring a non-perishable item for Project Hope.

DON'T MISS — The last 2016 Courtyard Jazz concert is today, August 21, 7:00 p.m., at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church at 90th and Pacific. The concert is free. Bring lawn chairs. At 5:00 p.m. there will be a burger fry at the campus ministry house south of the church in the backyard. A free-will offering will be collected for the burgers, chips, and sodas. Park in the south parking lot between church and house. Enter the lot from 90th just south of Pacific.

ANNUAL BBQ — Ponca Hills Volunteer Fire Department at 12919 Ponca Road is having its annual Barbeque Festival today, August 21st, from noon until 6:00 p.m. This is a family event featuring pit-roasted barbeque beef, sweet corn, kids’ games, and fire department water fights. (*the date was reported incorrectly as August 14 in the Messenger*)

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 22

Sara Embree
Arnie Jacobson
Ashley Spracklin

August 23

Joe Matson

August 25

Bethany Padron

August 26

Stephanie Rager
Pearl Wiley