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**August 14, 2016**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 15)

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# 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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**Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, welcome to worship at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. May we rejoice in all our human diversity as we celebrate our oneness as God’s children.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



**13TH SUNDAY**    August 14, 2016  
**AFTER PENTECOST**

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Not everyone who claims to speak on behalf of God Almighty actually does so. There have been many false prophets over the centuries, and there are many still today who would fill people with “vain hopes” speaking “visions of their own mind” (Jeremiah 23:16). In contrast, God invites His people to trust what He says is His Holy Word. This is the faith exemplified in the lives of the saints who have trusted in what God says more than in what their eyes could see. This simple trust is especially important for us who follow Jesus; after all, sometimes His works mystify: a sword that brings peace; His Word that kills and makes alive; and division that results in union (Luke 12:51).

## PRELUDE

WELCOME    *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

## RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

## GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

### INVOCATION

#### OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 119:81, 82, 88)*

My soul longs for Your salvation;

**I hope in Your word.**

My eyes long for Your promise;

**I ask, "When will You comfort me?"**

In Your steadfast love give me life,

**that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, merciful Father,

**We confess to You and before one another that we are sinful by nature and have turned away from You in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing, as well as in our failure to think, speak, and act when needed. To counter the destruction we have worked in our own lives and in the lives of the people around us, we have turned our itching ears to the voices of false prophets who offer only cold comfort. Now admitting the futility of all other helps, we cry to You for real mercy, asking that Your forgiveness for Jesus' sake be spoken over us.**

Beloved in the Lord, God has heard your confession and speaks His gracious absolution to you through me. 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

Thy Strong Word

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**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.**

**For created light we thank thee, While thine ordered seasons run.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation, Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

Cantor: Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**From the cross thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

## 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

### **Jeremiah 23:16-29**

Denunciation of unfaithful prophets.

*Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise the word of the Lord, "It shall be well with you"; and to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, "No calamity shall come upon you." For who has stood in the council of the Lord so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it? Look, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?*

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 119:81-88 (antiphon v. 81)



Cantor: In your steadfast love | give me life,\* that I may keep the testimonies | of your mouth.

Cantor: My soul longs for your sal- | vation;\* I hope | in your word.

**My eyes long for your | promise;\* I ask, “When will you | comfort me?”**

Cantor: For I have become like a wineskin | in the smoke,\* yet I have not forgotten your | statutes.

**How long must your ser- | vant endure?\* When will you judge those who perse- | cute me?**

Cantor: The insolent have dug pit- | falls for me,\* they do not live according | to your law.

**All your command- | ments are sure;\* they persecute me with falsehood; | help me!**

Cantor: They have almost made an end of me | on earth,\* but I have not forsaken your | precepts.

**In your steadfast love | give me life,\* that I may keep the testimonies | of your mouth.**

**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: In your steadfast love | give me life,\* that I may keep the testimonies | of your mouth.

SECOND LESSON

**Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3**

We are to fix our eyes on Jesus above all else.

*By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, “bowing in worship over the top of his staff.” By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for*

*three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.*

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:**



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

Cantor: Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat?

**Congregation:**



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

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

### **Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)**

Following Jesus may bring division in families.

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

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

*[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." [He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?]*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

## S E R M O N

**All In The Family**

**Luke 12, Hebrews 11, 12**

Stand

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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**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.**

#### **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**

**. . . let us pray to the Lord:  
Lord, have mercy.  
. . . one God, now and forever.  
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**

## 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

Organ

### 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



**C** 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.

How Clear Is Our Vocation Lord

Tune: Repton (768)

**How clear is our vocation, Lord, When once we heed Your call:  
To live according to Your Word And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear;  
If worldly pressures fray the mind, And love itself cannot unwind  
Its tangled skein of care: Our inward life repair.**

**We marvel how Your saints become In hindrances more sure;  
Whose joyful virtues put to shame The casual way we wear Your name  
And by our faults obscure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**

**In what You give us, Lord, to do, Together or alone,  
In old routines or ventures new, May we cease to look to You,  
The cross You hung upon All You endeavored done.**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Blue 649

# Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

st. 4 - cantor



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
You fail us never!

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Green 553

**Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.**

**Refrain**

**Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,  
As pilgrims through the darkness wend Till dawns the golden day.**

**Refrain**

**At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.**

**Refrain**

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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**N E X T S U N D A Y** – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Year C): Isaiah 66:18-23;  
Psalm 50:1-15; Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29); Luke 13:22-30

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

**ACOLYTE**----- Bella Wegner  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**-----Robbie Moffett, Sr.  
**CANTOR** -----Melissa Lorang  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**-----Dawn Payne, Peggy Posey  
**LECTOR**----- Max Williams  
**ORGANIST**-----Rosalie Soodsma

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

Worship Attendance.....	111	Bible Class .....	30
Communion.....	85	Offering .....	5405
Sunday School .....	23	Needed Weekly .....	4861
Staff.....	6	Specials .....	70

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

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

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

**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.

**TODAY** — Door offering for Lutherans For Life.

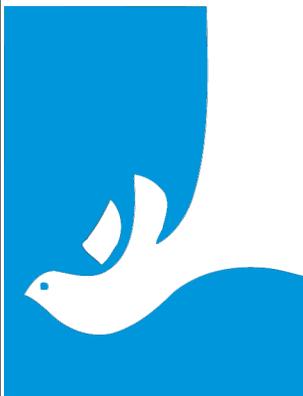
**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** — Fall class begins Sunday, September 11, 3:30 P.M.

**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** — “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” (*Luke 12:51*) Jesus has come to divide us out of the world – to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His Blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

**August 14, 2016 (C)      THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 15)**

**DON'T MISS** — The last 2016 Courtyard Jazz concert will be Sunday, 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.



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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 today.* Should you have any questions, feel free to contact John Hawkins at 512.468.9777 or at [jhawkins@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:jhawkins@lutheransforlife.org). More information is also available at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://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 14  
Dan Ekfelt

August 15  
Linda Williams

August 16  
Jim Zulfer

August 19  
Chesney Kosch  
Chance Seefus