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**October 23, 2016**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 25)

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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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**“How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! ... [our hearts and our] flesh sing for joy to the living God” (Psalm 84:1-2, NRSV).**  
**Welcome, friends, as we gather in praise.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



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**AFTER PENTECOST**

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Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God’s forgiveness. Keep the faith. God’s people — “all who have longed for his appearing” — shall be accounted righteous for Jesus’ sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this we glorify God forever.

**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 (*Titus 3:4-7; Romans 3:22b-24*)

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,

**not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy,**

by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

For there is no distinction:

**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

and are justified by His grace as a gift,

**through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

## In All Our Grief

Blue 739



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to You.  
2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,  
3 You did not e - ven spare Your on - ly Son.  
4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, You know all that we think or do,  
The clenched fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,  
Then let us know that You in truth are near



You know the pain we put each oth - er through.  
Teach us the way in which love best is served.  
But through His cross, re - demp - tion has been won.  
And will not leave us lost in all our fear.

### *Refrain*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,



Lord, — grant — us peace.

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

## KYRIE

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.**

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.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

**WORD**

We Hear God's Word.

## FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 4:1-15**

Cain kills his brother Abel.

*Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." Cain said*

to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 5** (*antiphon v. 11a*)

Tone 6



Cantor: But let all who take refuge in you | rejoice;\* let them ever | sing for you.

Cantor: Give ear to my words, | O Lord;\* consider my | groaning.

**Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King | and my God,\* for to you | do I pray.**

Cantor: O Lord, in the morning you | hear my voice;\* in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for | you and watch.

**For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;\* evil may not | dwell with you.**

Cantor: The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;\* you hate all evil- | doers.

**You destroy those | who speak lies;\* the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.**

Cantor: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.\* I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.

**Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;\* make your way straight be- | fore me.**

Cantor: For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is de- | struction;\* their throat is an open grave; they flatter | with their tongue.

**Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own | counsels;\* because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled a- | gainst you.**

Cantor:But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever | sing for you,\* and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may ex- | ult in you.

**For you bless the righteous, | O Lord;\* you cover him with favor as | with a shield.**

**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:But let all who take refuge in you | rejoice;\* let them ever | sing for you.

## SECOND LESSON

### **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

The good fight of faith.

*As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: All who exalt themselves | will be humbled,\* but all who humble themselves will | be exalted. (*Luke 18:14*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

### Luke 18:9-17

A Pharisee and a tax collector pray.



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

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

*He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (NRSV)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Shocking Truth

Luke 18:9-17

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

In God, My Faithful God



1 In God, my faith-ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
 2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will now de-spair;  
 3 If death my por-tion be, It brings great gain to me;  
 4 O Je-sus Christ, my Lord, So much in deed and word,  
 5 "To be it" thou, I say With all my heart each day.



Great was my o-ver-whelm-ing, Yet He will not for-sake me;  
 I held on Christ, who loves me; Hence this rock with big waves met.  
 It saved my life on-then-er To live with Christ for-ev-er.  
 Your suf-fered death to save us He-came Your love would have us  
 Dear Lord, we all a-dore You, We sing for joy be-fore You.



My sin-ful-ty He can-ot see, His hand lets nothing fall - me.  
 To Him I will re-tur-n - der, To Him, my soul's de-ter-min-er.  
 He gives me joy in sor-row, Comes death now or so-near - er.  
 So late of heav'nly glad-ness When ends this life of sor-row.  
 Glad-ly we will here we wait - der, Un-til we praise You for - ev-er.

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

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
. . . in whose name we pray.  
**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

God of Mercy

Choir

*text Henry F. Lyte, tune J.S. Bach, ed. and arr. Walter Ehret*

God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of Thy face,  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine, Fill Thy Church with light divine;  
And Thy saving grace extend, Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee Lord; Be by all that live adored.  
Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Saviour King.  
At Thy feet their tribute pay, And Thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord, Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man His blessing give, Man to God devoted live;  
All below and all above, One in joy and light and love.

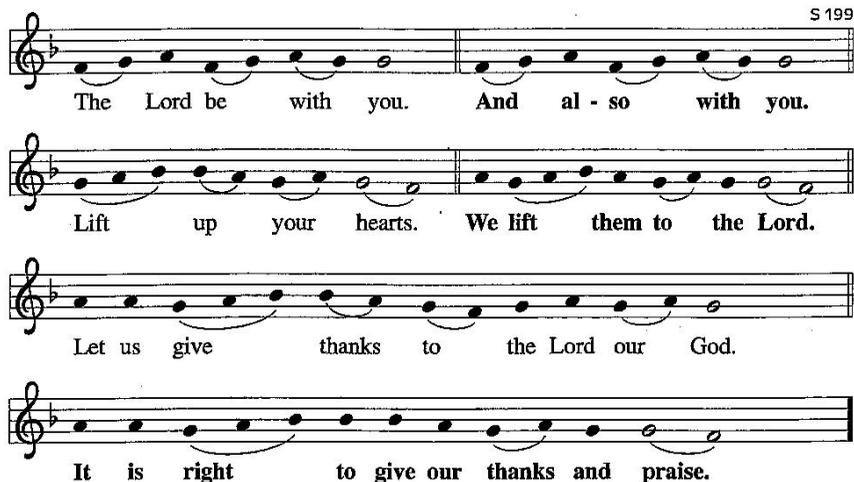
## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE

S 199



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

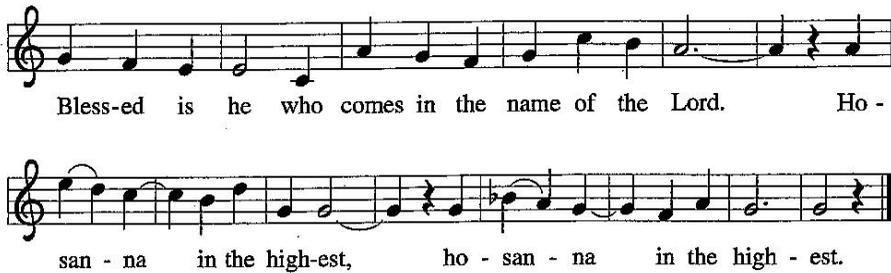
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, . . . 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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**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

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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.

In a Lowly Manger Born  
*st. 1 - cantor*

Green 417

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

Green 479

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

Blue 790

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

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Green 309

**Lord, Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From selfish passions set me free And make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me your loving servant be And taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out your chosen way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see And share your joy at last.**

## 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** – Reformation Sunday (Year C): Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28;  
John 8:31-36

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

ACOLYTE----- Austin Wegner  
 ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr  
 CANTOR ----- Dan Schneider  
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Neve Anson, Neva Anson-Mielke  
 LECTOR----- Gloria Sorensen

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

|                         |     |                     |      |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|------|
| Worship Attendance..... | 110 | Bible Class .....   | 48   |
| Communion.....          | 86  | Offering .....      | 4318 |
| Sunday School .....     | 24  | Needed Weekly ..... | 4861 |
| Staff.....              | 6   | Specials .....      | 345  |

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 1

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

|           |   |                                      |            |
|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|------------|
| TODAY     | - | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----        | 10:20 A.M. |
|           |   | MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE               |            |
|           |   | ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----        | 3:30 P.M.  |
| MONDAY    | - | PASTOR’S BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP----- | 7:30 P.M.  |
| TUESDAY   | - | TRUNK OF TREAT -----                 | 6:00 P.M.  |
| WEDNESDAY | - | CONFIRMATION CLASS -----             | 6:00 P.M.  |
|           |   | CHANCEL CHOIR -----                  | 7:45 P.M.  |
| SATURDAY  | - | UNL FOOTBALL PARTY/KOSCHS -----      | 5:30 P.M.  |
| SUNDAY    | - | REFORMATION SUNDAY -----             | 9:00 A.M.  |
|           |   | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----        | 10:20 A.M. |
|           |   | ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----        | 3:30 P.M.  |

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR** — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank continues the video-based Bible study - [A Man Named Martin Part 1: The Man](#). This is part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

**RANSOM** — Many thanks to you who gave to the Wartburg Abduction to benefit “Living H2O” Lutheran Campus Ministry. Because of your generosity, Pastor Jank will not have to spend any time behind bars next Saturday.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** — Join the neighborhood this Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a Trunk or Treat. This will be a safe and fun environment for our neighborhood and congregational youth to trick or treat. The kids will trick or treat from decorated vehicles of our Mount Olive members. Vehicles should be parked in the church parking lot by 5:30 p.m. so that the kids can safely trunk or treat at 6:00 p.m. Interested in helping? A sign-up sheet is on the north hallway bulletin board for those wanting to decorate their vehicle for the event. Just pick a theme, either trunk-elaborate or simple. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated trunks. Other ways to help? You can donate candy, pencils, stickers or other goodies to hand out. We need help with supervision of the event. We need our Mount Olive

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members coming and visiting and enjoying a fun evening with the neighborhood. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

**UNL FOOTBALL PARTY** — A Mount Olive Husker Tailgate Party will be held this Saturday, October 29, 2016, at Paul and Betsy Kosch's house located at 12652 CR 36. Take HWY 133 towards Blair, NE. The festivities begin at 5:30 P.M. The game against Wisconsin has a 6:00 P.M. start time. Hotdogs, brats, lemonade, ice water and the makings for s'mores will be provided. Please bring your favorite tailgate specialty! Bring your adult beverage of choice. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. This is an OUTSIDE event. The Koschs will have a couple of fire pits burning to keep everyone warm and to roast marshmallows, but remember it is still October 29th. In case of inclement weather, contact Paul Kosch at 402-253-7324.

**533RD MARTIN LUTHER BIRTHDAY PARTY** — To help celebrate Reformation, you are invited to the German American Club (3717 S 120 St) on Sunday, November 13, from 2-7 pm to remember the birthday of Martin Luther. Here is the itinerary:

- 2:00 pm - Doors Open
- 2:30 pm - Children's choirs singing plus a group from Minneapolis
- 3:15 pm - German singers and dancers from the Club
- 4:00 pm - Martin Luther impersonator program
- 4:30 pm - Trivia Contest

A German meal will be available all day long for a free-will donation as are games for children. Available to purchase are German items from the club, Tetzels Pretzels, and t-shirts.

**STEWARDSHIP** — "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering. . ." (2 Tim. 4:6) As St. Paul nears the end of his life he continues to view it as something to be spent in sacrifice toward God – just as he had told the Romans (12:1) to be "living sacrifices." And why does St. Paul do this? Because he knows that His Lord has already won for him the crown of life. Jesus' sacrifice that purchased our salvation leads us to imitate His sacrifice in our living for Him.

**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.

October 24  
Michael Steckelberg

October 25  
Klara Jank  
Eleanor Misiolek

October 27  
Tom Trusty

October 28  
Colton Seefus