



February 05, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
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Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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**Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to worship!
May your time in the Lord be rich and blessed.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

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 (*Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Corin. 3:16; Col. 3:12-13*)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Is. 58:7; 1 Corin. 6:19-20*)

God's kindness toward us knows no limits. Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to show kindness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We know that You call us to share our bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into our house. We have let opportunities to show kindness slip away from us, exhibiting only what was expected of us and keeping Your kindness hidden within us. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.” 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

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!**

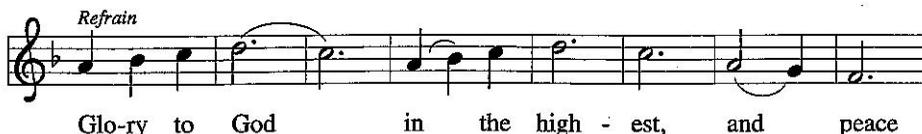
**Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

Congregation: Refrain



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Congregation: Refrain

Final refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:3-9a

The fast God chooses.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, ‘Here I am.’” (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM HYMN (*Psalms 112*)

Refrain

Light dawns on those who kind-ness show, From whom God's
grace and mer - cy flow. Spir - it's fruit, with - in us grow!

Congregation: Refrain

Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Congregation: Refrain

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

Fine

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

Verse (cantor or choir)

Al - le - lu - ia!

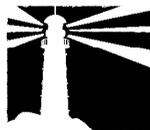
D.C. al Fine

Cantor: Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the | light of life. (*John 8:12*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 5:13-20

The teaching of Christ: salt and light.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Salt And Light

Matthew 5:13-20

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, Shine, You People!

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**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

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.
. . . of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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

Go Ye into All the World

Choir

text Mark 16:15, setting by Robert Wetzler

Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creation.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave 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, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, 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-san-na in the high-est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup . . . 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 with those . . . almighty Father, 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

Come to the banquet. Be filled with light and life.

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

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.

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Green 353

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; (repeat three times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; (repeat three times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; (repeat three times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

We Are Called

st. 1 - cantor



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to
to be hope for the hope - less so all
and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Blue 650

We are marching in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are singing in the light of God. *(repeat)*

We are praying for the Lord is our light. *(repeat)*

We are dancing in the light of God. *(repeat)*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year A): Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Kailyn Townsend
 ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr
 CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Marge Eastman, Becky Hurt
 LECTOR-----Ashley Batten

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	116	Bible Class	44
Communion.....	86	Offering	4001
Sunday School	22	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	6	Specials	135

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 2

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	
		VOTERS' ASSEMBLY-----	11:30 A.M.
MONDAY	-	JOINT LEADERSHIP MTG W/ST. JOHN'S----	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	-	<i>BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE</i> BIBLE STUDY----	6:15 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS-----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	ALL BOARDS MEETING -----	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	-	FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX -----	7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		SHULEWITZ CAKE & PUNCH RECEPTION-	12:00 P.M.
		REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL -----	3:00 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us in the video-enhanced topic: “A Man Named Martin Luther—The Moment.” Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

CAKE & PUNCH RECEPTION — Next Sunday, please join the Townsend family for a cake and punch reception for Kelsea (Townsend) and Chad Shulewitz as they share their joy now that they’re man and wife! February 12, noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

VALPO SUNDAY — Today we are praying for Valparaiso University, an independent Lutheran school in northeastern Indiana with five different colleges besides a graduate division. Valparaiso belongs to a small and distinctive group of schools that consistently earns national recognition for the quality of its academic programs. We have four Mt. Olive members who have benefitted from a Valpo education.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Begins Sunday, February 19, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — What do you know about the *Bad Girls of the Bible*? From Eve, to Lot's wife, to Mary Magdalene; we will look at their stories in a new way and learn how a perfect God deals with imperfect people. The book *Bad Girls of the Bible: What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs will be provided or you can purchase your own copy to keep. The study will be held six Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. in February, March and April. Our first meeting will be this Tuesday, February 7, in the library. If you have questions, please call Dixie Gerhart at 402-602-3252 (day) or 402-453-6707 (evening).

PALM BRANCHES — Please bring back the palm branches that you received on Palm Sunday. The palms will be burned and used as the ashes during our Ash Wednesday service. The dried palms are being collected in a box at the back of church.

REFORMATION 500 HYMN FESTIVAL — Next Sunday, February 12, as part of the Reformation 500 celebration, plan on attending the hymn festival at 3:00 p.m. at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church celebrating our Lutheran heritage. Come sing along with an all-city choir including six Mount Olive choir members as well as featured organist, Dr. Jeffrey Blersch, Professor of Music, Concordia University, Nebraska and the Concordia University Brass Ensemble. All are welcome to this afternoon highlighting some of the great hymns written by Martin Luther. A coffee and dessert reception immediately following. There will be a free will offering for the event.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX — Please join your fellow Mount Olive movie buffs on Friday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. The Academy award-winning classic, directed by Alfred Hitchcock, *Rebecca*, will be shown. This 1940 film stars Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, George Sanders and Judith Anderson. A vacationing young lady meets, falls in love with, and marries handsome and wealthy widower Maxim de Winter. He takes his new bride home to his estate, Manderley. But the new Mrs. de Winter finds her married life dominated by the sinister, almost spectral influence of Maxim's late wife, Rebecca, who still rules from beyond the grave. Believe me, you do not want to miss this film! Popcorn and movie candy provided. Dixie Gerhart, 402-602-3252.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 — July 17-21, 2017.

Praying For Our Parish in 2017

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.

February 6
Kaylea Larson
Kelsea Shulewitz

February 6
Krista Townsend
Mikale Townsend, Jr.

February 11
Nelson Kosch