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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Gift Service T September 19, 2020 T 5:00 pm

Welcome

God Gathers Us in His Name

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

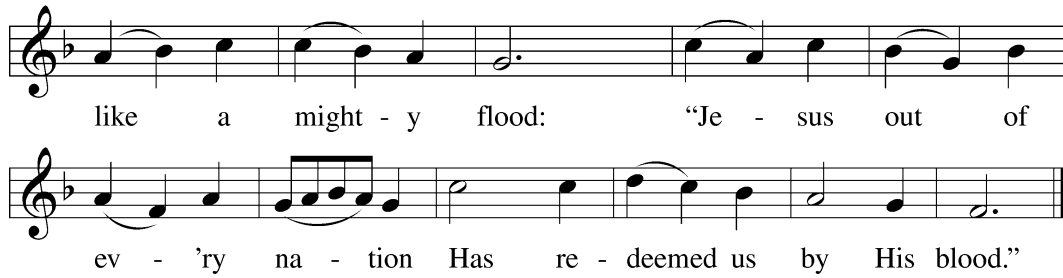
Opening Hymn:

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB # 821:1&3

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der





3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven • Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful • Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners • Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless • Sweep across the crystal sea.

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God's Gift of Forgiveness

*As God gathers us in worship today the only thing we are able to give Him is our sins,
and out of undeserved love for us God gives us forgiveness.*

*King David wrote in the Psalms: "I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD'
— and You, [O God,] forgave the guilt of my sin."*

Psalm 32:5b NIV

- P With the Psalmist we say, "Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD;
C O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared." *Psalm 130:1-4 NIV*
P Let us each silently reflect for a moment on our sinfulness, on any particular sins that may be weighing heavily on our minds and hearts, and on the gracious invitation of God's Word.

(A time of Silent reflection)

- P Holy and gracious God,
C I confess that I have daily sinned against You. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. Forgive me for failing to love You with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Forgive me for failing to love my neighbors as myself. Forgive me for my sinful nature and for all my sins of commission or omission. For all this I deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, all to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P I have great Good News! Through His holy life and innocent death on the cross, Jesus has satisfied the holy demands of God's Law and has earned forgiveness and eternal life for us. He desires that this gift be delivered to all people. For He told His disciples on Easter evening, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. ... If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

John 20:21,23 NIV

P Therefore, in the stead and by this command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, and as the called and ordained servant of the Word in this place, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P You are forgiven! You are set free! You are dearly loved children of God! Together you and I can now raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to God for His tremendous grace. We can bring Him our fears and hopes, our needs and prayers, with all boldness and confidence as dear children do to their dear Father.

C Amen.

Our Praise in Response to God's Forgiveness:

"All Glory Be to God on High"

LSB # 947:1&3

1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has end - ed.



3. O Jesus Christ, the only Son • Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one • With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high • In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

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Psalm of David

Psalm 27:1-9; antiphon: v. 4a

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, King David writes:]

- P One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life...
- C The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
- C Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- P One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.
- C For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.
- P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- C Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- P You have said, "Seek My face."
My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."
- C Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger,
O You who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life...

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together:

C Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God's Gift of His Word

By ourselves we are spiritually dead.

By our own efforts we are unable to create or sustain a relationship with God.

However, out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive.

He creates and sustains a relationship with us by way of His Word, the Word of Jesus:

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

— 1 Peter 1:23 NIV

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Prophet Isaiah writes:]

[Through the Prophet, God declares:] "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

ESV

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul writes:]

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthew writes:]

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

“And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

LSB # 555:1-2,5



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.

2. What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

5. Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Sermon

"Wages or Gift?"

Matthew 20:1-16

Hymn of the Day: "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

Stand for vs 10; LSB # 555:6-7,10

6. Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7. Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.



Stand 10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise • To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace • All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above • You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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Nicene Creed

P Together we confess our common Christian Faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Prayers in Response to God's Word

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

— Hebrews 4:14-16

See separate Prayer Sheet for Sept. 9th for prayer topics.

The prayers, silent or spoken, will be prayed now. Each prayer will end with:

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your loving hands, dear Lord, we place everyone and everything for which we've prayed.

We trust You to answer our prayers according to Your mercy in the way that is best for us.

We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Our Offerings in Response to God's Word

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich. ...
Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!* – 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15 NIV

*To maximize health & safety for everyone, offering plates will not be passed during the service.
You are encouraged to place your tithes and offerings in the plate on a stand
at the door to the worship area either as you enter or leave the Divine Service.
We thank God for your ongoing generosity in supporting
His work at Mt. Olive during this challenging time.*

God's Gift of His Supper

*Out of undeserved love for us, God has made us spiritually alive & a part of His family.
The relationships within our earthly families are strengthened through shared meals.
Even more so is our relationship with God and one another strengthened by a meal:
"Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?
Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?"
Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread."
– 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 NNAS*

An Explanation of the Supper

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus' Words Instituting His Supper

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord

P Together, in, with, and under the bread and wine, this is the very body and blood of our crucified but risen Savior, Jesus Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; therefore, the peace of the Lord is with you always.

C Amen.

God Gives Us the Gift of Jesus' Body and Blood

Jesus has said "This is My Body, this is My Blood, given and shed for YOU for the Forgiveness of Sins."

Prior to and after your reception of the communion elements, we encourage you to make use of the appropriate "Prayers for Worship" located inside the front cover of *Lutheran Service Book*.

During the Distribution, your attention is also directed to the a contemplation of the Psalms which are located immediately following the introductory pages of Lutheran Service Book.

The communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

The communion wafer will be given to you in a cup. The wine will be given to you in another cup. After eating and drinking, place both of the empty cups in the container presented to you.

The Dismissal

P Now may this True Body and True Blood of Jesus, our crucified but risen Savior, strengthen and preserve each of you in the True Faith from now until our Lord returns. His Peace is with you. Your sins have been forgiven indeed!

C Amen.

Please Note! Especially for the sake of Mt. Olive members who are still "sheltering in place" due to the CoViD-19 pandemic, we will be resuming *once monthly* "drive through" celebrations of the Lord's Supper. The first of these will be held NEXT Saturday, September 26, from 5:00 until 6:00 pm in the MtO parking lot.
Please Join Us!

Final Prayer

P Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, grant
that our lips which have here sung Your praise may now glorify You in the world;
that our ears which have heard the voice of our Shepherd through Your Word
may now be closed to the clamorous voice of Satan and the world;
that our eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope;
that our tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth; and
that our bodies which have tasted of Your Son's Body and Blood
may be restored to newness of life through faith in Him.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give T you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

LSB # 738

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.



2. Lord of all eagerness,
Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors,
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindliness,
Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Our next service will be held on Sunday, September 27, at 9:00 am. The Saturday services thereafter will be at 5:00 pm on October 3 & 17. Besides Today, the upcoming Sunday services will be at 9:00 am on October 11 & 25.

Mt. Olive • “Virtual” Congregational Meeting: You have received an email from Lauren Prunty with respect to this. Congregational Chair Paul Brown has recorded an update on the church & school. The email contains the link and password to view his video report. Call Paul (515-249-8405) with any questions.

From the Nurture Team:

- Backpack Blessing Project 2020 Appreciation Note: Thank you, Mt. Olive and friends, for your generous support of our Backpack Blessing Project! We have delivered over 1500 items to Monroe School and Mt. Olive. A total of \$1355, in addition to the donated school supplies, have been received. With the remainder of the money... plans are to help with hand sanitizing, etc. (\$500 at MtO and ... \$300 more to Monroe School) ... Mt. Olive participated in the prayer walk around Monroe School and also had a prayer walk at Mt. Olive on August 22... (Check... the photos in the Narthex and on the MOLCS.org website.) We appreciate you!
- Cover Our Children with Prayer: Prayer partner info will be distributed this coming week. If you would like to participate in this ministry, but haven't before, please contact Lois J. Schumann (515-490-9424).

From our MtO Library Team:

- Our Church Library is OPEN! We encourage you to check out books from the church library after worship services. Simply select the books, sign the library cards, and place the cards in the file box.
- Check out our new web address: <http://library2.molcs.org>. You can search the collections without a password. Parents, you can check your children's accounts, information on their library cards.
- New! It is exciting to report that 300+ books have been added to the libraries since January (30 to the church library). Six bookcases have been added in the children's library with funds from a memorial gift. We are blessed! Thank you for your support.

MtO LWML & Women's Ministries: Thank you for September Mites: \$178.73 to District; \$50 Agape Pregnancy Ctr. October Mite focus – Sat. 10/3 & Sun. 10/11. Ladies, check out “Anchored in God's Word – How we can grow in our walk with Jesus, even in the midst of chaos and difficulties.” This is a twice monthly virtual Bible study on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm. Check the MtO website or call Donna Foltman (515-868-8794) for details.