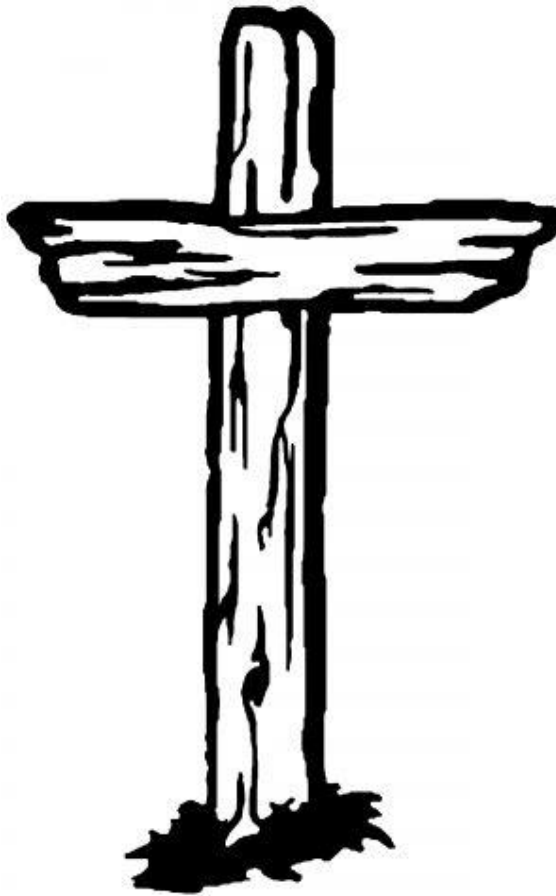


Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021



MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“SHARING CHRIST, SERVING THE COMMUNITY”

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Welcome to worship at Mt. Olive, we're glad you're with us today!

As We Gather

"In the sight of God" is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God's unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: "Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man" (Proverbs 3:3-4). All our life is in God's amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

+ WE TURN OUR FOCUS TO WORSHIP +

Welcome

♪ Hymn ♪

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Hymn #902

God is with Us

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Prayer for the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-38

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Letter

1 John 5:1-8

⁵Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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People: 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.

♪ Hymn of the Day ♪ They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love All

We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

Sermon

Pastor Carlos Hernandez

Prayers of God's People

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

Pastor: We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially* . . .]. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: Amen.

Offering

To limit the contact of surfaces, your offerings and prayer requests may be placed in the wooden box on the way to the communion rail.

+ SACRAMENT +

The Preparation 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in

the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Musical notation for the Sanctus, featuring two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

Sanctus Dennis Wazac All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; All glo - ry, love di - vine.

We of - fer You this song of praise; For You have made us Thine.

The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13 Hymnal Back Cover

People: 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.

The Words of Institution Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Proclamation of Christ 1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the wine was drawn from

the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant that we ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Reception

♪ Distribution Song ♪

Your Love

All

Your love fills my heart with hope. Je - sus,

Your love fills my mind with thoughts of peace. Your love makes my life worth

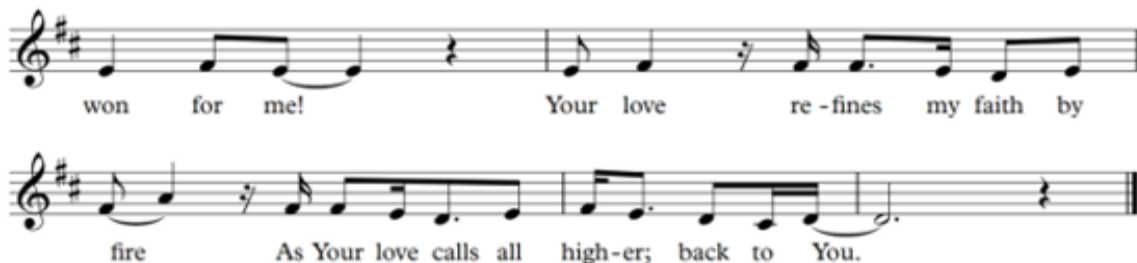
liv-ing makes my love worth giv-ing back to You... As we live with-in Your love...we

may face ma - ny tri - als. We won't need an-y-thing else at all. Each

day will bring it's trou-ble, Lord, but You are by our side With help to see us through; keep

strong our faith in You; For You have prom - ised joy with the sun - rise!

Your love and mer - cy give new birth... Je - sus, Your love and grace sal - va - tion



The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives to us in this meal not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim Jesus death and resurrection until He comes again. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that noted above and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23-24.; 10:32-33.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. In preparation to reception of the Lord's Supper I invite you to consider these 4 questions: Am I a sinner? Am I sorry for my sin? Do I believe Jesus meets me with His body and blood and forgives me at this meal? Do I desire to live turning from my sin and walking in His ways?

Serving Him this week as...

Worship Leader	Pastor Carlos Hernandez
Elders	Eric Baer, Bruce Betts, Gary Kilbourne, Kyle Swan Jim Rowe, Drew Wilson, and Roger Zittel
Musician	Mount Olive Gospel Group
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Service with Communion

Join us for Sunday service on campus indoors at 10am. Please sign up using the following link as space is limited to

60: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F44AFA82EA5FD0-sunday>

If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at www.mountolivefolsom.com.

LWML Mites

LWML ladies will be collecting mite boxes each week in the coming month at worship.

Olive Leaf

The May Olive Leaf is out and there are paper copies available near the member mailboxes.

Notes from Members

Both Rosemary Rogolino and Arnie Appel expressed their deep gratitude for the cards, calls, visits and prayers they received from many members of the congregation as they were going through some physical ailments. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Praise Jesus, the Great Healer!

Prayer Requests and Praises

Prayers that the Lord would prepare Mt. Olive with peace, wisdom, and discernment as we go through the call process.

Prayers that the Lord prepare the heart of the next pastor at Mt. Olive.

Please pray for friends of Drew and Emily Wilson, Jeff Vitti, and Liam Berger, both of who are battling cancer.

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.