



**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

**August 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

## **Welcome to Mt. Olive**

From all of us at Mt. Olive, welcome to worship. We are so glad that you have joined us today.

### **A Few Notes Before Worship**

- Restrooms are located in the entryway
- We love having children in worship! We realize that can sometimes be challenging. If your child becomes restless, the fellowship hall or the library (across from the restrooms) are great places to regroup.
- Baby changing stations are located in every restroom
- You are our guest. If there is something else we can help you with, please let an usher know. They will be happy to assist.
- Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this worship folder or as noted in the blue hymnal located in your pew.

### **A Church For All People**

“All are welcome!” Is that true at our church? Historically, it rarely is true. In the gospels, the average Jewish person would have thought it odd, even offensive, if someone who wasn't an Israelite walked into their place of worship. Taking it a step further, some of the Jewish religious leaders would imply that church was meant for those who zealously followed religious customs and traditions. Those were “good church folk.” So church was meant for people of the right heritage and who behaved the right way. What about us? Is it conceivable that a stranger could walk into our church and for some reason you would ask yourself, “What is someone like that doing here?” Or, just perhaps, you are asking that question about yourself? “There are some seemingly godly people here. I'm not like them. Do I really belong?”

Today, Jesus shows us that God wants church to be for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Therefore, anyone who comes to Christ's Church and cries out, “Lord, have mercy!” is more than welcome.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

Dear Lord, I thank you for giving me this opportunity today to gather together with fellow believers to join in worship and praise. May my worship and meditation this day be pleasing in Your sight and be deserving of Your honor. Amen.

# Hymn

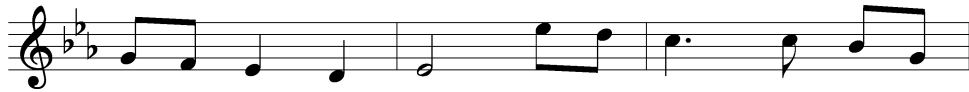
## 736 Lord, You Call Us as Your People



1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of dark - ness  
2 Lord, you call us as dis - ci - ples, walk - ing on your  
3 Lord, you send us to the har - vest in your Great Com -  
4 Lord, you call us to new ven - tures by a path - way  
5 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, now in faith we



in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re - deemed us, made us  
pil - grim way. Cru - ci - fied and ris - en Sav - ior, you are  
mis - sion's call, reach - ing out to all the na - tions, bring - ing  
yet un - known. Though we can - not see the end - ing, we will  
sing your praise: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, al - le -



pre - cious in your sight. Give us faith to trust you  
with us ev - 'ry day. Give us wis - dom, give us  
life and hope to all. Give us bold - ness and com -  
fol - low you a - lone. Know - ing that your hand is  
lu - ias to you raise. Hold us in your gra - cious



bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly. By your  
cour - age as you teach us pa - tient - ly. By your  
pas - sion, bless us with your eyes to see. By your  
guid - ing and you love us faith - ful - ly, by your  
pow - er, bless - ed Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, that re -



Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
joic - ing we will ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.

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**Stand**

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

*CW 154*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

*CW 154*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.**

# Glory Be to God

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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## The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Ephesians 2:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

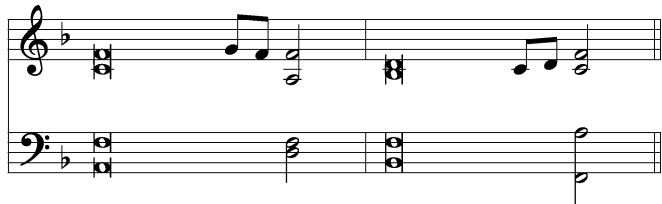
*Psalm 67*

## *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God, let all the peo - ple praise you.

## *Tone*



May God be gracious to us and / bless us  
and make his face / shine on us—  
so that your ways may be / known on earth,  
your salvation among all / nations.  
May the peoples / praise you, God;  
may all the peoples / praise you.  
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;  
God, our God, / blesses us.  
May God / bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.

**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. *Refrain***

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***Stand***

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 15:21–28*

<sup>21</sup>Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

<sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup>The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

<sup>26</sup>He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>27</sup>“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



*The children may come forward during verse 4 for the children's devotion*

## Hymn of the Day

855 *The Church's One Foundation* sts. 1–5



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,  
4 Tho' with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,  
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.  
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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# God's Word In Our Lives

## The Church God Wants: A Church For All People

*Isaiah 56:1,6-8*

<sup>1</sup>This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice  
and do what is right,  
for my salvation is close at hand  
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD  
to minister to him,  
to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it  
and who hold fast to my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house will be called  
a house of prayer for all nations.”

<sup>8</sup>The Sovereign LORD declares—  
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:

“I will gather still others to them  
besides those already gathered.”

*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

# Welcome!

## Worship Registers

*We're so glad you could join us for worship today and would love to have a record of your visit!*

*Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

*Use the QR Code below for an online worship register*



## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.  
**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . . here name the person*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# Hymn

## 870 O Church, Arise



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
 2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
 3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
 4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
 wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
 And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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