



**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</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.

### **Assistive Listening System Available**

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### **So Many Reasons To Be Thankful**

As disciples of Jesus, we really do have reason for thanksgiving every day of the year! While that is true, the American holiday of Thanksgiving, celebrated once each year, provides us with a fitting opportunity to slow down from the hustle and bustle of life. As we slow down once again this year, let's reflect on all the many reasons God has given us to be thankful. Tonight, we thank our gracious God for both physical and spiritual blessings!

### **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

## 597 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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### **Stand**

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Litany

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

# The Word

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*



# God's Word in Our Lives

## Sermonette

*2 Samuel 7:18–22*

<sup>18</sup>Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? <sup>19</sup>And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

<sup>20</sup>“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. <sup>21</sup>For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

<sup>22</sup>“How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur  
 that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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<sup>36</sup>When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup>A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup>As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup>When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

<sup>41</sup>"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup>Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup>Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

<sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>49</sup>The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup>Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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# Hymn

## 423 *The Power of the Cross* sts. 1, Ref, 2-4, *Final Refrain*



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the  
2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the  
3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.  
dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.



1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be -



came sin for us. Took the blame,



bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

4 Oh, to see my name  
written in the wounds,  
for through your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death;  
life is mine to live,  
won through your selfless love!  
(Final Refrain)

### Final Refrain

This the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.

## Sermonette

*Philippians 4:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King*



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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.*

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Thank you for the healing you bring when we are sick, the protection you send when we are in danger, and the comfort you offer when we are sad. [Hear our prayers for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Lead us to be thankful as we believe that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

**Thank you for those who help and encourage us in difficult times.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

# The Sacrament

*Stand*

## **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **Proper Preface**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**



# O Christ, Lamb of God

Tune: MERRIAL



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way  
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;  
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:  
cleanse us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.  
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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***Be seated***

## Distribution

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. In light of our Lord's clear warning concerning His Holy Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, we ask you take the opportunity to join us in studying what our God has to say concerning this Holy Supper prior to communing.*

# Distribution Hymn

## 624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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

## 609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;

we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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