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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

May 23rd & 26th

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

Our assistive listening system is available with the use of the free app, Listen EVERYWHERE (available for both Android and Apple devices). If you are interested in using Mt. Olive's assistive listening system, please pick up an informational card on the table in the entryway or ask an usher for assistance.

Only A Triune God Can Deliver What Only A Triune God Can Offer

No Christian teaching demonstrates that we have a top-down faith more than the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Scripture teaches that there is only one God. Yet that God exists as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Incomprehensible! It is the type of teaching about which the psalmist declares, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain" (Psalm 139:6). We believe in the Triune God without fully comprehending his existence, simply because the Spirit has given us the gift of faith. Our belief in the triune God came from the top down.

Not only is the concept of the Trinity itself something unique to the Christian faith, but what the triune God does for us and offers us is also completely unique. Our triune God invites us into the blessed relationship that is part of his very nature. The members of the Trinity share with us an intimacy that they have enjoyed with each other from eternity. Our triune God makes us not servants or subjects but blessed members of his family.

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

483 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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Stand

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Time of the Church

CW 266

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Hymn

943 *Isaiah, Mighty Seer*

The musical score is written in a single system with ten staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes. The text concludes with a double bar line at the end of the tenth staff.

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;
six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him. With two they veiled their
fac-es as was right, with two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,
and with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and
praised the Lord: “Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is
God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts!
His glo - ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!” The beams and lin - tels
trem-bled at the cry, and clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:12–17

¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Hymn

588 Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit



1 Come, O come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; when we tres - pass
3 Spir - it, guard our faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,
4 And when life's frail thread is break - ing, then as - sure us



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
on our way, cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you
death, or shame ev - er part us from our Sav - ior.
more and more, as the heirs of life un - end - ing,



dwel with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
and be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
Lord, our ref - uge is your name! When our hearts op -
of the glo - ry there in store, glo - ry nev - er



life and light ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Lord, re - call; work re - pent - ance when we fall.
pose your will, let your Word prove strong - er still.
yet ex - pressed, glo - ry of the saints at rest.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.; Heinrich Held, 1620–1659, abr.

Tune: attr. Johann Christoph Bach, 1642–1702, Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

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Stand

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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.

Responsive Hymn

570 *God Loved the World So That He Gave* sts. 1,3-4,6



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the
6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save that all who would in
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, Stettin, c. 1778

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God's Word In Our Lives

**Only A Triune God Can Deliver
What Only a Triune God Can Offer**

Romans 8:12-17

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

CW 268

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, 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.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.
Amen.

Hymn

481 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb of
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho - ly
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une



let us bring our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 God we sing, in whom we are e - lect - ed.
 Ghost we sing for our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 God we sing; blest be his name for - ev - er!



To him through ev - er - last - ing days be wor - ship,
 He bought his Church with his own blood, he cleansed her
 The sav - ing faith in us he wrought and us un -
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore and sing his



hon - or, pow'r, and praise whose hand sus-tains cre - a - tion.
 in that bless - ed flood and as his bride se-lect - ed.
 to the Bride-groom brought, made us his cho - sen na - tion.
 prais - es more and more for all his grace and fa - vor.



Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly is our un - ion and com - mun - ion;
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 his be - friend - ing gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 there is man - na and an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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