

MT OLIVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS=Caring and Conservative)
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:


"Mt. Olive exists to proclaim God's Word in its truth and purity, so that each believer may **GROW** in faith and then **GO** with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world so that together we may **GLORIFY** God into eternity"

July 15, 2018

Worship Sunday 8&10:30 AM

Pentecost 8/Favorite Hymn Sunday

Family Bible Study Hour 9:30AM

 Welcome!!! To all our guests and visitors, we extend a warm and sincere welcome. We are happy to have you join us for worship this morning as we gather to reflect on and to sing our favorite hymns. May God the Holy Spirit fill us with faith and with understanding and appreciation as we remind ourselves of His "amazing grace" through sacred song!

Favorite Hymn Sunday

OPENING HYMN 562 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Scripture Reference: Psalm 78:2-4

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
3 things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. 4 We will not
hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds
of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

**I love to tell the story of un-seen things above,
Of Je-sus and his glory, Of Je-sus and his love.
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Je-sus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. *Refrain***

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of God the Father who made our world and Who gave up his Son to redeem the world.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: In the name of God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was sent into the world to save us from sin and death and hell and Who has now sent us into all the world to preach the good news to every creature.

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit who unites people from every people, nation, language and tribe under heaven in the one true faith.

People: Hallelujah!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

(The Apostle John, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, pens, "If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and will purify us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9)

All: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that by my very nature I am sinful and corrupt. Because of my inborn corruption, I have many faults and shortcomings. I daily fail to do what you command me to do. I continually do what you forbid me to do.

Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me. I pray that you would strengthen me by your Holy Spirit, so that all I do may give you glory.

Pastor: Upon this, your sincere confession, I assure you of God's mercy. His good and gracious news of free forgiveness of sins is his gift to all people, and those who believe in Christ will enter eternal life! Set your hearts at rest in his presence, for the blood of Jesus Christ has washed away your guilt forever.

People: Amen.

Hymn Response: 379 "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Reference: Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

PRAYER OF THE DAY FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

We Confess Our Christian Faith

(The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation, spoken responsively.)

PASTOR: 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead. *What does this mean?*

CONGREGATION: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death. All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from death, and lives and rules eternally.

OUR FAVORITE HYMN: "In Christ Alone"

Scripture Reference: Acts 4:12

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, This solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine-Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus CW 411

Scripture Reference: John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business.
Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have
made known to you.

What a friend we have in Je-sus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a priv-i-lege to car-ry
Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit,
Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
All be-cause we do not car-ry
Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Have we tri-als and temp-ta-tions?
Is there trou-ble an-y-where?
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faith-ful
Who will all our sor-rows share?
Je-sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness—
Take it to the Lord in Prayer.

Are we weak and heav'y lad-en.
Cum-bered with a load of care?
Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref-uge —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a sol-ace there.

On Eagles' Wings CW 440

Scripture References: Isaiah 40:30-31

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Psalm 124:7

We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun.
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Un-der his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain:

For to his angels he's given a com-mand
To guard you in all of your ways;
Up-on their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain:

To God Be the Glory CW 399

Scripture Reference: Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yield-ed his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Je-sus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

Oh, per-fect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev-'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Je-sus a par-don receives.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Je-sus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Je-sus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our won-der when Je-sus we see.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Je-sus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

The 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.**

We Bring Our Offerings of Thankfulness (Visitors and guests—we do not expect you to place anything into the offering. It is our privilege as members of Mt. Olive to support our ministry. We are simply glad you could join us. Please come again!!!)

Pastor: Almighty God, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Among all gifts, the gift of the Word of God is most valuable, the Word which proclaims that God is merciful, and promises forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

C: Wherever the Word of God is, there the Holy Spirit is speaking.

P: Let the Word of God be ever in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears.

C: It always awakens new understanding, pleasure and devotion – and purifies the heart and thoughts.

P: When people cling to the Word in this way, our Lord God and the entire heavenly host smile.

C: This is most certainly true!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN 537 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Scripture Reference: II Corinthians 10:4-5 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

Onward, then, ye faithful; Join the happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages Saints and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S WEEK AT MT OLIVE:

TODAY- 8 & 10:30A.M. Favorite Hymn Worship
9:30A.M. Family Bible Study, Phase Three
11:45 AM Congregational Meeting/Voters' Meeting (all are welcome!)

MONDAY- 7P.M. Monday Night Church at St. Mark (post view of the Sunday service)

THURSDAY – 7PM Thursday Evening Worship at Mt. Olive (a preview of Sunday)

SUNDAY- 8&10:30 Worship

9:30A.M. Family Bible Study, Phase Three

9 A.M. Installation of Kyle Swogger at St. Mark morning worship service

NEWS N NOTES:

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for coffee after the service in the back of church. Please sign our guest register so we have a record of your visit with us today and please join us again!

Thank you, Linda Tesch, for taking time and making the wonderful effort in using your_God-given energy in serving as our organist this morning. Well done, good and faithful servant!!!!

E-GIVING: Want to stay consistent with your offerings even during the inconsistent “vacation months” of summer? Why not check into “E-giving?” – the electronic giving program which takes care of your offerings for you via an automatic withdrawal system. You set the amount and days/duration and let the system take care of the rest. Talk to Rod Wasserman if you have any questions. “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...” I Corinthians 16:2

VOTERS: Today is the chosen date/time for our second quarter congregational meeting-which will take place right after second service, with a light lunch being served at 11:45A.M. All are encouraged attend.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Altar Care: Beth Ferrell and Christine Smith

Ushering: K,G,G Ferrell, T Smith

Cleaning God's House This Next week: Downstairs-Walters, Upstairs-R. Wasserman, Narthex- Yeager

Mowing: G. Ellis, K. Hoffer

In God's House 7/8: ?+59

Late Service

Delores Wasserman and Tiffany Beiermann

M Lauber, C Hansen, D Kauk, S Boggs