



Mt Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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October 14, 2018

Pentecost 21

Worship: Thursday 7P.M. & Sunday 8&10:30A.M.

Growth in the Word: Sunday 9:30A.M.

Welcome...to our visitors and guests who are with us today. We are pleased and privileged to have you join us as we focus our attention on God's will regarding the raising of HIS children. May our gracious God bless us to more fully appreciate what he has done for us to bring us to this point and what he plans to do for us to bring us to glory in heaven!

For Parents with Small Children: Toddler "Busy Bags" are available for use-located on the west wall of church. The lower west kitchen are also contains a speaker system so that you may listen in on the service while attending to the needs of your little one. Please let us know if there's anything else you need!

NELHS Sunday (Christian Education Sunday)

Theme for the Year: "Walk with God. Talk with God."

Opening Hymn: 462. "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

[STAND]

Invocation:

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

M: Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? (Isaiah 64:4-5)

C: All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. (Isaiah 64:6)

M: No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (Isaiah 64:7-8)

C: Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people. (Isaiah 64:9)

M: God has been merciful to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:6,8-11)

C: Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Romans 7:25)

Prayer of the Day: (spoken by the minister)

Teach us, O Lord, to delight in your law, to follow your decrees, and to walk in your paths. Turn our eyes away from worthless things and our hearts from willful sin, that we may know the sweetness of your Word, the peace of your forgiveness, and the joy of the redeemed, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Reading from the Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1-9

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

Psalms 111: (verses 1-10 spoken responsively)

M: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart

C: in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

M: Great are the works of the LORD;

C: they are pondered by all who delight in them.

M: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

C: and his righteousness endures forever.

M: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

C: the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

M: He provides food for those who fear him;

C: he remembers his covenant forever.

M: He has shown his people the power of his works,

C: giving them the lands of other nations.

M: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

C: all his precepts are trustworthy.

M: They are steadfast for ever and ever,

C: done in faithfulness and uprightness.

M: He provided redemption for his people;

C: he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.

M: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

C: all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Reading from the Epistles: 2 John 1-6

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The elder,

To the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in the truth—and not I only, but also all who know the truth—² because of the truth, which lives in us and will be with us forever:

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Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.

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It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as the Father commanded us. ⁵ And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

Response:

M: Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, (Deuteronomy 11:18-20)

C: so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. (Deuteronomy 11:21)

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 7:24-27 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

C: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” (Luke 11:28)

Hymn: 511. “O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand”

Sermon: Deuteronomy 8:1-9 (reading from the Old Testament)

WALK IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD!

1. Remember how the LORD led you in the past
2. Follow the LORD's lead looking ahead to the future.

Offering: “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.” (Proverbs 3:9)

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Prayer: (spoken by the minister)

O Lord, we recognize that children are a divine blessing and a sacred trust from you. In order that the rising generation may learn to know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent, you have given both parents and the Church the solemn responsibility of instructing them diligently in the truths of your saving Word. Keep us from growing careless in carrying out this responsibility. Make our homes workshops of your Holy Spirit. Guide and direct our congregation, district and synod in the schools and programs which we have established for the purpose of assisting parents in their roles of bringing up their children in the training and instruction of you, their Lord. We pray especially be with our Nebraska Lutheran High School as it celebrates 40 years of your grace! Move us to give our generous and continuing support to NELHS and for all Christian education with our fervent prayers, our joyful service, and our thankful gifts. Grant grace to the children entrusted to our care that they may grow up as firm believers in Christ, their Savior, and dedicated servants in his kingdom. We ask these things in Jesus' holy name and we join in praying the prayer which he has taught us ...

Lord's Prayer: (spoken together with the minister) **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.**

About The Lord's Supper: *We of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) practice close communion. We do this because we take seriously all that God's Word says about receiving the Lord's Supper properly. Those who receive it should examine themselves before receiving it. Those who receive it together should be of the same confession. etc. (cf. I Cor 11:28; I Cor 10:17) Visitors and guests-if you haven't received Lord's Supper at our altar, we politely ask that you would speak to the pastor before receiving it with us. We don't want to be presumptuous and assume your fellowship ties with us. We don't want you to receive it to your spiritual harm. We would be more than happy to explain what God's Word says about the Lord's Supper and why we do what we do.*

The Sacrament (p. 21)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al-so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un-to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 till 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 (Sanctus)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly

Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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 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 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A-men.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A-men.

Hymn: 623. "God the Father, Son, and Spirit"

Song Of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)

Lord, now let your servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for-ev-er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.

C: A-men.

M: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (I Thessalonians 5:23-24)

C: A-men.

Closing Hymn: 610. "Now Thank We All Our God"

	<p>THE WISE AND THE FOOLISH BUILDER</p> <p><i>Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.</i></p> <p>Matthew 7:24-27</p>
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OUR WEEK IN THE LORD AT MT. OLIVE

TODAY- 8&10:30 A.M. Communion Worship
9:30 A.M. Growth in the Word
1:30 PM + NELHS Fall Festival, Silent Auction, and Concert in Waco

MONDAY- 6:30 PM Elders' Meeting
7:00P.M. Monday Night Worship @ St. Mark

TUESDAY - 9-10AM Women's Prayer group @ Mt. Olive
Fall Pastors Conference in Overland Park KS 6:30 PM Church council meeting

WEDNESDAY- 3:30P.M. Windcrest Bible Study
4:30-6:30 PM Catechism Class
Fall Pastors Conference in Overland Park KS

THURSDAY- 7P.M. Evening Worship (a preview of Sunday)

FRIDAY- NELHS Homecoming and Football parents' night

SUNDAY- 8&10:30A.M. Worship
9:30AM Sunday School, Open Forum preceding the voter's meeting.
11:45AM Voters' meeting
6:30PM Women's Bible Study and Fellowship @ Scooters

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Beth Ferrell, Christine Smith Emma Gettemy, Delores Wasserman
Ushering: CJ & K Kemnitz, S Raasch, T Monroe L&R Wasserman, M Schleusener C Hansen
Cleaning God's House this coming week: Downstairs- Beiermann, Upstairs- Bergen, Narthex- Dennis
Mowing: Scott Raasch

NEWS-N-NOTES

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for after the service in the narthex. 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 of serving as our organist this morning. Well done, good and faithful servant!!!

THE CHURCH IS IN SEARCH of any and all church records that are not currently being stored at the church. This includes meeting agendas, meeting minutes, copies of the constitution, etc. The last 15 years are of the most interest. Please contact Thomas Smith by email at tsmith@mtolivewels.org, by phone at (507) 327- 4065, or by church mailbox with any information that you might have. Thanks!

FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL is looking for old worn out, or not used, shoes and boots. If you have some, please put them in the container in the church entry. You will be amazed at their use next Carnival. Thanks!

Women's Prayer group will now be meeting Tuesday mornings from 9 –10 AM. For more information, contact Marci Albert @ 402-670-8772 or malbert@neb.rr.com

THE NELHS Fall Festival and silent auction are this afternoon at the school. This year the proceeds will go towards roof repairs and debt reduction. The Fall Festival will include an international food tasting lunch (suggested donation of \$8.00) from 12:30-3:30, a Kiddie Carnival and the Silent Auction from 1:30-3:30PM. The concert is at 4PM with supper following.

Voters'/Open Forum Meeting has been scheduled for next Sunday, October 21st. Between services running from 9:15-10:15 AM we will have the Open Forum portion of the meeting. EVERYONE is encouraged to join us as the Boards give their reports and seek input from members regarding how to proceed. Starting at 11:45AM we will hold the quarterly Voters' Meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. ALL MEN of the congregation are asked to step forward in service to their Lord as leaders of this family in Christ as we make decisions that will enable us to move forward in service to our Savior.