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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 their faith in Jesus and be equipped to GO with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world, so that together we may GLORIFY God into eternity."

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Our Christian Mission Statement: (According to Martin Luther) "The only reason we Christians are living on earth is to help other people. Otherwise it would be best if God let us die as soon as we were baptized and had begun to believe. But He allows us to live here so that we will bring other people to faith, just as He has done for us."

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October 21, 2018 Pentecost 22
Worship 7P.M. [Wed.] 8&10:30A.M. [Sun] Growth in the Word 9:30A.M. [Sun.]

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GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit
C: (spoken) Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
Stanza 1

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

(Psalm 119:97-99,103)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in all eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3



Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's



ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” *(John 20:31)*. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -



ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,



Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (spoken)

BE SEATED

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: I Corinthians 9:7-12;19-23 (p.1134 in the black pew Bibles)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22 (p.71 in the front part of the hymnal)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia. (Ephesians 2:10a)

Second Lesson: Mark 10:35-45 (p.1002)

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 181 "Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"

SERMON: II Chronicles 26:16-23 (p. 448)

"Ambition is Good-When Guided by God."

THE 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

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THE THANK-OFFERING IS GATHERED

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

M: Lord of power and grace, whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry, hear the prayer of your people as we come now in thankfulness for the mercies that you pour down on us anew each day.

We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence. Make us mindful, O Lord, that you have provided us with life, breath, and being and are the source of our daily bread.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts, learning from him the great truths of the kingdom to which he bore faithful witness.

Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may produce the fruits of righteousness. May he endow us with unwavering faith, that we may always be ready to do your will.

We pray for the nations of the earth. Subdue terror and tyranny everywhere, and call forth leaders who acknowledge that you are Lord over all the earth. Bless our own land. May it ever follow that which is good and turn from all that which is wicked, that our people may prosper in uprightness and integrity.

Hear, O Lord, our cry for those who are afflicted. Grant them health in body and soul, and save them for your mercy's sake.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage in this world, and bring us all to our heavenly home. Receive these petitions in the name of the Prince of life, Jesus our Lord. Amen

HYMN: CW 497 "This Is My Will"

CLOSING HYMN: CWS 426 vs.1,5 "Yours Forever, God of Love"

Voters'/Open Forum Meeting has been scheduled for today 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.

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Our Week in the Lord at Mt. Olive (God Willing!):

TODAY: 8&10:30A.M. Worship
9:30A.M. Sunday School, Open Forum preceding the voters' meeting.
11:45 A.M. Voters' meeting
6:30 P.M. Women's Fellowship and Bible Study

@ Brittany Hodges' home

MONDAY- 7:00 P.M. Monday Night Worship @ St. Mark

TUESDAY – 9-10 A.M. Women's prayer group at Mt. Olive

WEDNESDAY- 3P.M. Windcrest Bible Study (70th and Van Dorn)

4:30 P.M. Catechism

THURSDAY- 7 P.M. Evening Worship at Mt. Olive

SATURDAY: Youth Group at Roca Berry Farm

SUNDAY: 8:00&10:30 A.M. Communion Worship

9:30-10:15 A.M. "Growth in the Word" Bible Study for all ages

4:00 P.M. Circuit Reformation Service, Grace, Seward, supper to follow

5:00 P.M. NELHS Association Meeting at Grace, Seward

News and Notes

To our visitors and guests: Thanks for joining us today! We invite you to join us for 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!

Thanks, Linda Tesch, for taking the time and using your God-given musical abilities to glorify HIM as you served as our organist this morning. We thank God for you and for your willingness to let your light shine in this wonderful way!

Join us for our circuit Reformation service at Grace-Seward next Sunday at 4pm. The NELHS Association meeting will take place after the service (5pm). Grace is having a lunch catered to follow the 4pm worship service - if you are planning on eating at Grace, you must RSVP to Pastor Mark Haefner at markhaefner@yahoo.com by Monday, October 22nd!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Guild: 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 Next week*: Downstairs-Costin Upstairs-Donahoe Narthex-Foster

In God's House on 10/11 & 10/14: 7+62+56 =125

Given for God's Glory: Budget Offerings: (\$4,507.88 needed to meet budget)

Non-Budget Offerings: \$

THE CHURCH IS IN SEARCH of any and all church records that are not currently being stored at the 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!



GOD'S WORD FOR PENTECOST 21

I Corinthians 9:7-12;19-23 ⁷ Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸ Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹² If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. ¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Mark 10:35-45 ³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." ³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

II Chronicles 26:16-23 ¹⁶ But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. ¹⁷ Azariah the priest with eighty other courageous priests of the LORD followed him in. ¹⁸ They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honored by the LORD God." ¹⁹ Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the LORD's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead. ²⁰ When Azariah the chief priest and all the other priests looked at him, they saw that he had leprosy on his forehead, so they hurried him out. Indeed, he himself was eager to leave, because the LORD had afflicted him. ²¹ King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in a separate house—leprosy, and banned from the temple of the LORD. Jotham his son had charge of the palace and governed the people of the land. ²² The other events of Uzziah's reign, from beginning to end, are recorded by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. ²³ Uzziah rested with his ancestors and was buried near them in a cemetery that belonged to the kings, for people said, "He had leprosy." And Jotham his son succeeded him as king.