



**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

**September 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</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.

### **A Church Willing To Say Hard Things**

Imagine, late one night, you notice the house across the street is on fire. You see no activity inside. You say to yourself, "Pounding on the door in the middle of the night might scare the family. I'm sure they'll realize what's going on eventually." Ridiculous! You would never do that! To let a family sleep while flames surround them would be cruel. Your inaction would make you a killer. The truth is you would pound on their door at 3:00 AM, screaming. You would throw a brick through their front window if that was what it took to warn them. You would not care if it startled the family. This is a matter of life and death! Love compels you to do whatever it takes.

God wants the people of his church to be willing to say hard things to people when that is what is necessary to save them from an even worse type of fire. Warning against sin is not easy. It upsets people, even offends them. But saying hard things is the loving thing to do when it is a matter of eternal life and death.

### **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

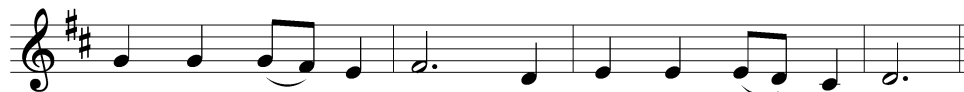
## 707 *Cling Tightly to the Word of God*



1 Cling tight - ly to the Word of God and Christ's dis -  
2 Re - call in faith the pre - cious gift of your bap -  
3 For just as God raised up his Son from death by  
4 Be strong! Stand firm! Come, walk the path that saints be -



ci - ple be, for then, be - lov - ed, you will know the  
tis - mal day, when you were joined to Je - sus' death that  
his great might, so too, in Christ, we now may live as  
fore you trod, with read - y feet to bring good news of



truth that sets you free, the truth that sets you free.  
washed your sins a - way, that washed your sins a - way.  
chil - dren of the light, as chil - dren of the light.  
Christ, the peace of God, of Christ, the peace of God.

5 Know that his body and his blood  
will feed your hungry soul  
like manna in life's wilderness,  
until you reach your goal,  
until you reach your goal.

6 Now fix your eyes on Jesus Christ;  
“Come, follow me,” says he.  
“Deny yourself, take up your cross;  
come, lose your life for me,  
come, lose your life for me.”

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**Stand**

## **Invocation**

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

## **Confession**

*CW 154*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

*CW 154*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**A - men. A - men.**

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# Glory Be to God

Tune: IN BABILONE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our  
loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed -  
speak his grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and  
glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry  
ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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## The Word

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7–11*

<sup>7</sup>“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

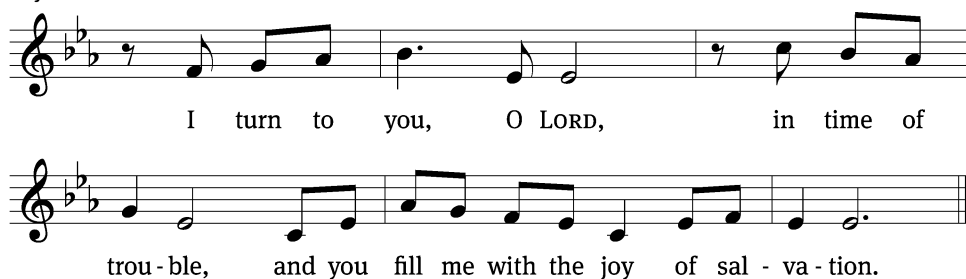
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32

## Refrain



I turn to you, O LORD, in time of  
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

## Tone



Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,  
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them  
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away  
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;  
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you  
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."  
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;  
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,  
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

*Galatians 2:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup>The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

<sup>14</sup>When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

<sup>15</sup>“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup>know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

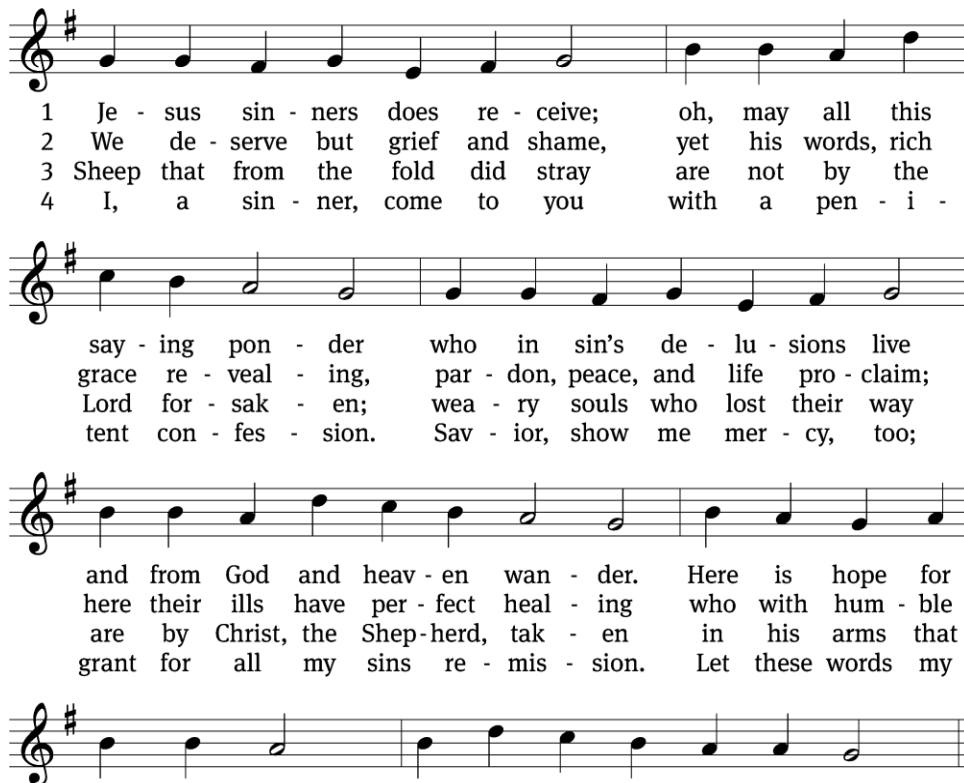
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The children may come forward during verse 5 for the children's devotion*

## Hymn of the Day

654 *Jesus Sinners Does Receive*



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;

and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble  
are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that  
grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
were as scarlet my transgression,  
it shall be as white as snow  
by your blood and bitter passion,  
for these words I do believe:  
Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace,  
from the law I stand acquitted.  
Christ has purchased my release  
and my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners does receive.

*Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.  
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## God's Word In Our Lives

### A Church Willing To Say Hard Things

*Matthew 18:15-20*

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup>But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup>If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

**THE CHURCH**  
*God* ~~**WE**~~ **WANTS**

*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 of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, *[especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition]*. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

### *Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . . here name the person*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

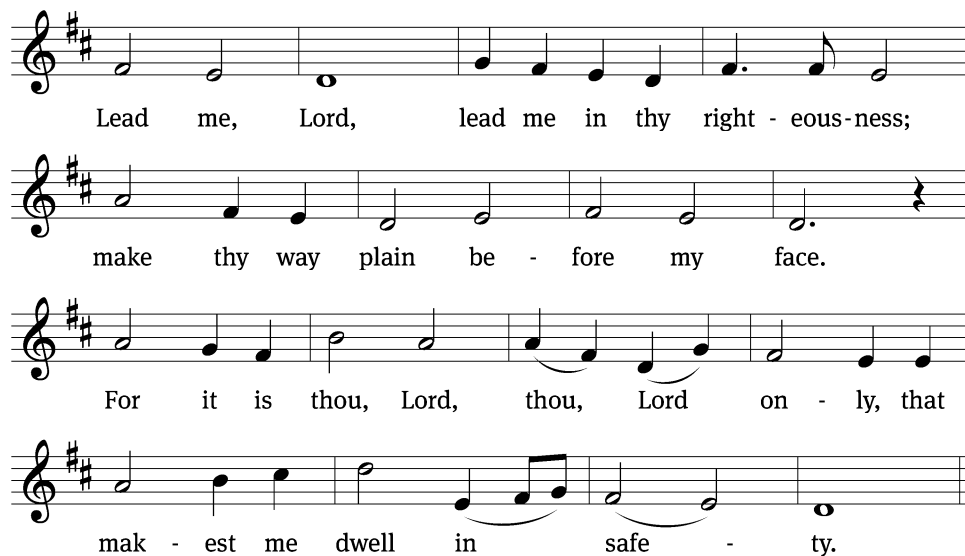
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*The closing hymn will be sung twice. The cantors will introduce the hymn. The congregation is invited to join the second time.*

## Hymn

926 *Lead Me, Lord*



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous-ness;  
make thy way plain be - fore my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord on - ly, that  
mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

*Text: Psalm 4:8; 5:8*

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