



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

May 2nd & 5th

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.

Who Is Jesus?

It's easy to categorize Jesus as a moral teacher, a holy man, a wise prophet. But what if he was more than that? What if he is who his followers have always said he was? If he really was God, that would have profound effects on... everything! But is there any evidence to back up the claim? Join us as we answer the question, "Is there any proof that Jesus was God?"

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

922 *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*



1 This is the day the Lord has made; he calls the
2 To - day he rose and left the dead, and Sa - tan's
3 Ho - san - na to th' a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came with mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the Church on



hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice, let
em - pire fell; to - day the saints his
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace, who came in God the
earth can raise; the high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad and praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread and all his won - ders tell.
scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
Fa - ther's name to save our sin - ful race.
which he reigns, shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

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

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, 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 44:6–8

⁶“This is what the LORD says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from me there is no God.

⁷Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me

what has happened since I established my ancient people,

and what is yet to come—

yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King sts. 1, 3



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;



Re - joice, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Tune: John Darvall, 1731–1789

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Second Reading

Revelation 1:12–18

¹²I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Luke 9:18–20

¹⁸Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

¹⁹They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

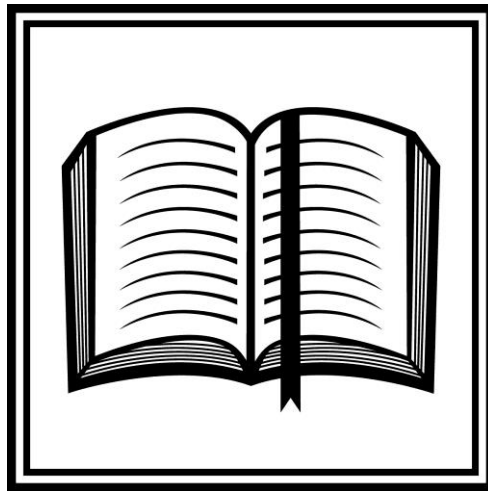
²⁰“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

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.

Hymn of the Day

528 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant from the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, watch - ing all your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, you
nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
to bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, light and life you bring to all; light our
food of heav - en, fore - taste of the feast to be; quench our
you, O Sav - ior; prune our hearts so we re - main fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with your own pres - ence, grant us grace to heed your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in your vine - yard till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; let us hear your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads un failing
to the Father's home on high;
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die;
mediator to the Father,
sacrifice and great High Priest:
lead us to your heav'nly mansions,
there to share your wedding feast.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead;
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
praise and thanks and adoration
and unending worship be
to the Father and the Spirit
and to you eternally.

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God's Word in our Lives

Who is Jesus?

Luke 9:18-20

resurrection
REALity

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written in a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven lines of music. The lyrics are: "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. A - men." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the seventh line.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. In light of our Lord's clear warning concerning His Holy Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, we ask you take the opportunity to join us in studying what our God has to say concerning this Holy Supper prior to communing.

Distribution Hymn

673 O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor



in thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your love and kind - ness did move you; let your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 sup - per move us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2–3): Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter, alt.

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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.

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.

Hymn

924 *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632

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