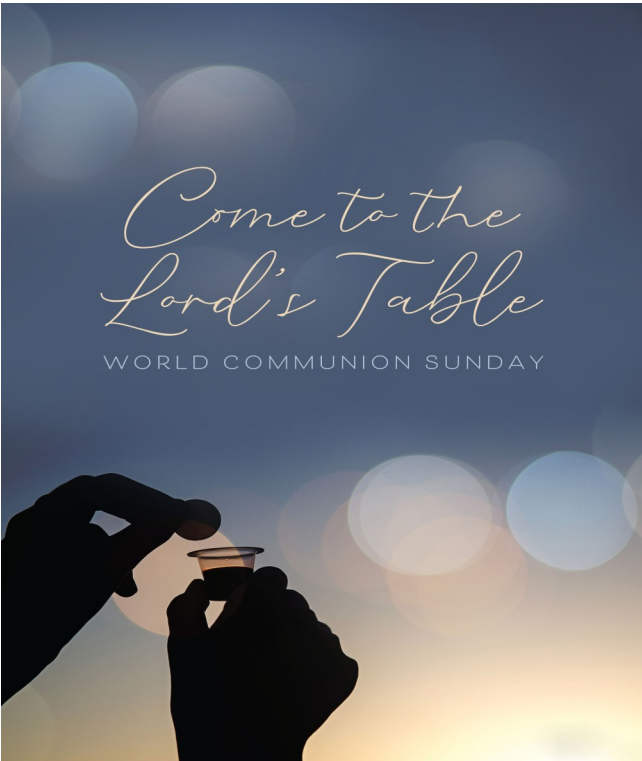


say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”



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October 1, 2023

+ The King is Coming -  
Lutheran Women in  
Mission +

Treasuring God’s Truth, Living out His Love

Welcome! God says: “Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth” (Psalm 78:1). Let us listen for God’s voice as we worship. Living water, please quench my soul today with your truth, wisdom, comfort, love. Amen.

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What’s Happening

- 1. In House services \* Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
- 2. Sunday School September- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
- 3. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
- 4. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - Noon

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

1st Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 PM @ LMS  
Tuesday’s - Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 AM  
Wednesday’s - Women's Bible Study @10:00 AM  
Thursday’s - Bible Study @ 9:00 AM  
Friday’s - Harrison Bay @ 2:00 PM

Acolyte: Eli Klein-Wyman  
Altar Duty for October: Debbie & Heather  
Counters: Rita K & Brian P  
Sunday 9/24/2023 Attendance: 38  
Sunday 9/24/2023 Offerings: \$2,146  
Vanco 9/24/2023: \$170

Order of Service

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Ring of the Bells  
Hymn: 506 Glory Be to God The Father  
Salutation and Collect of the Day  
Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32  
Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18  
Alleluia and Verse  
Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32  
Children’s Message  
Sermon  
Litany For Mites  
Hymn: 509 Christ is Surely Coming  
Prayer of the Church  
Preface  
Sanctus  
Lord’s Prayer  
The Words of Our Lord  
Pax Domini  
Agnus Dei  
Hymn: 554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful  
Hymn: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior  
Post-Communion Collect  
Benediction  
Announcements  
Hymn: 653 In Christ There is No East or West  
Treats in the Fellowship Hall

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

During the month of October, make an effort to pray daily for Pastor Mike and his family. Given the shortage of pastors, MOLC is fortunate to have Pastor Mike. While it is important to appreciate Pastor Mike and all he does to care for the MOLC “flock” year-round, we give special thanks and acknowledgment during the month of October. There will be a basket in the narthex where you may leave notes and cards of thanks and gifts of appreciation. *Lord, I thank You for our pastor. He is a blessing to our church. I pray that You would enable him with strong leadership skills and wise decision-making abilities. Help him to be a godly man, devoted to seeking and following You. Protect him and his family from the temptations of the world. Though he may have a heavy load, please be his continual refreshment. Help him to guard his time with his family, and keep them strong and loving. Amen.*

~~Jackie M. Johnson



**Church Directory**

Lindsey will be publishing a new Church Directory for 2024 in January. Please look over the current one and send her an email at [admin@mountolivecms.org](mailto:admin@mountolivecms.org) with any updates for your address/phone numbers! If

you aren't currently listed and would like to be, please let her know your information by December 2023.

**Spruce tip decorations**

In November, WOMO will have their annual fall bazaar and we are in need of decorations to make our Spruce Tip Planters. If you have any that you are willing to donate please drop off to Lindsey's office! Thank you in advance! We will be putting the Spruce tip planters together on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND at 10AM.** Please join us to help if you are able!



**CALLING ALL CREATIVE TYPES!**

Put your talents and skills to good use and contribute your handcrafted items and baked goods to the MOLC Bazaar. Funds from the bazaar support missions and local organizations (For example, WeCAN, Food Shelf, Gillespie Center and more) and women's ministries at MOLC. Talk to Sandi, Marianne or Jan if you have questions. The greater variety of items, the better the sale!

**SAVE THE DATE**

The bazaar is coming! **Saturday, November 4th from 9 AM – 12 Noon.** Please plan to come and shop. There will be a limited number of spruce tip planters, baked goods, handcrafted items and *timeless treasures*.



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . <sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

**EPISTLE**

**Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18**

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one

mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:23–32**

<sup>23</sup>When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I