



MOUNT OLIVE



LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is
the one who takes refuge in him."

PSALM 34:8

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + JOLLY RAMBLERS WORSHIP PROGRAM

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

**Thank you to Chuck Thiel and The Jolly Ramblers for
leading our Praise Service today!**

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***September 13th - Happy Grandparents Day!**

***September 14th - Happy Birthday Justine Michalk!**

***September 17th - Happy Birthday Kathy Smith!**

***September 18th - Happy Birthday Betsy Kohls!**

ORDER OF SERVICE AND SONGS

PRE-SERVICE SONG: CHAPEL IN THE VALLEY

*Brothers and sisters we stand together,
Lord won't You come and be with us,
On the mountains and in the valleys,
We praise You Lord for all to see.*

Chorus:

*Oh la, Oh lee oh,
We sing and praise Your holy name,
Oh la, Oh lee oh,
Forgive our sins, forget our blames,
Oh la, Oh lee oh,
Please take our troubles for today,
Oh la, Oh lee oh,
As we worship You and pray.*

*You have called us to be Your people,
Lord won't You come and be with us,
See us standing 'round Your altar,
Oh won't You come and set us free.*

Repeat Chorus

ORDER OF SERVICE AND SONGS

PRE-SERVICE SONG: THE PEOPLE OF GOD
COME REJOICING IN

Chorus:

*The people of God come rejoicing in,
Renewed and restored and redeemed from sin.
We lift up our hearts as our prayers begin;
Your people come to sing alleluia.*

*We come to celebrate Your love for us
With dancing melody,
Recalling all Your promises and all we hope to
be;
We're Your adopted sons and daughters now,
Forgiven, loved and free,
And so Your people sing alleluia.
Repeat Chorus*

PRE-SERVICE SONG: WE WELCOME YOU ALL
TODAY (*In Heaven There Is No Beer*)

*We welcome you all today,
As we in song do pray.
God's people all are we,
Our hearts are full of love for you to see.*

ORDER OF SERVICE AND SONGS

Refrain

Alle, Alleluia! Alle, alleluia! Alle, Alleluia!

Rejoice and sing praise to our God!

We welcome you all today,

And Lord, we'd like to say,

We pray that this will be,

A special liturgy for you and me. Refrain

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Most glorious Trinity, in Your mercy we commit to You this day our bodies and souls, all our ways and goings, all our deeds and purposes. We pray You, so open our hearts and mouths that we may praise Your name, which above all names alone is holy. And since You have created for us the praise of Your holy name, grant that our lives may be for Your honor and that we may serve You in love and fear; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE AND SONGS

OPENING VERSICLES

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

*C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

*C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.***

*P Better is one day in Your courts than a
thousand elsewhere;*

*C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house
of my God than dwell in the tents of the
wicked.***

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

*C **Teach me Your paths.***

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

*C **Your Word is truth.***

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

*C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.***

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to
the Holy Spirit;***

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.***

ORDER OF SERVICE AND SONGS

OPENING HYMN: GATHERED TOGETHER (JULIDA POLKA)

***Gathered together, loving each other
Singing and praying, Lord God our Father
Bless us and guide us; teach us, unite us.
These things we ask Lord, please God forgive
us.***

Chorus:

***Holy God, Holy God, Father, Spirit, Son
Holy God, Holy God, three persons all in one.
Prayers and sacrifice, Your blood, it was the
price.***

Holy God, Holy God, You're the one for us.

***Accept our gifts Lord and our salutations.
In your name offered from this congregation.***

***We all are brothers praying for others
For our salvation to Your heavenly home.***

Repeat Chorus

READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21

A The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 50.

15When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

READINGS

A Please join me in praying the Psalm:

PSALM 103:1-12

*C 1Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!*

*2Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,*

*3who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,*

*4who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,*

*5who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*6The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.*

*7He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.*

*8The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

*9He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

*10He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*11For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;*

*12as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

READINGS

Romans 14:1-12

A The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 14.

1As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

READINGS

10Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

12So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LESSON HYMN: LET THE SON SHINE IN

Joyful hope, love of God, and smiling faces,
Is the heritage we have as sons of God
Christ has risen to new life,
Put an end to death and strife,
Now we celebrate as one and sons of God.

Chorus:

So let the Son shine in,
Share Christ with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.
So let the Son shine in,
Shake hands with your neighbor,
And happiness will never leave your heart.

READINGS

On the job, in your home, or at a party
People wishing all their friends the peace of Christ
Happy feeling in the air,
Forget your troubles and your cares,
And join all those who share the peace of Christ.
Repeat Chorus

Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

21Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

23"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27And out of pity for him, the master of that.

READINGS

servant released him and forgave him the debt
28But when that same servant went out, he found
one of his fellow servants who owed him a
hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to
choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29So his
fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him,
'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30He
refused and went and put him in prison until he
should pay the debt. 31When his fellow servants
saw what had taken place, they were greatly
distressed, and they went and reported to their
master all that had taken place. 32Then his
master summoned him and said to him, 'You
wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt
because you pleaded with me. 33And should not
you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I
had mercy on you?' 34And in anger his master
delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay
all his debt. 35So also my heavenly Father will do
to every one of you, if you do not forgive your
brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

APOSTLES' CREED

***C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.***

***And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.***

***From thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

***C 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.***

SERMON HYMN: YOU TAUGHT US HOW TO LOVE, LORD

*God, our Father up in heaven, hear us as we pray
Take our sins away, help us live each day.
Thank You for the gifts You gave us, You care for
our needs.
When You sent Your Son to save us,
You showed us You loved us true.
Hear us as we sing Your praises.
Help us live our lives for You.*

Chorus:

*You taught us how to love, Lord
And live our lives for You,
And if we follow Your lead,
How happy we will be.*

*Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, You came down
to us,
Died upon the cross, to redeem our loss.
Help us learn to love each other, as You loved us
all.*

*Help us follow your example,
Caring for each other's needs,
Showing we are sisters, brothers,
By our very words and deeds. Chorus*

*God of Love, O Holy Spirit, full of power and might,
Keep us in Your sight, teach us wrong from right
Thank You for Your love and graces, make us pure
and strong.*

*Be our hope and consolation,
Guide our weary steps to Thee
Through Your guidance we all plan to
Live with You eternally. Chorus*

SERMON

PRAYER HYMN: HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN

How long has it been since you talked with the Lord
And told Him your heart's hidden secrets?
How long since you prayed, how long since you stayed
On your knees till the light shone through?
How long has it been since your mind felt at ease,
How long since your heart knew no burden?
Can you call Him your Friend, how long has it been
Since you knew that He cared for you?

How long has it been since you knelt by your bed
And then prayed to the Lord up in heaven?
How long since you knew that He'd answer you
And would keep you the long night through?
How long has it been since you woke with the dawn
And felt this day is worth living?
Can you call Him your Friend, how long has it been
Since you knew that He cared for you?

PRAYER

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart
and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout
the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the
calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

PRAYER HYMN: HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Amen.

BLESSING

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

After Benediction: Go Forth (Enjoy Yourself)

Go forth to serve and do as Christ would do;

Go forth and live the Spirit's life in you.

Go forth to love, to be Christ's hands and feet;

Go forth to share the love of God with everyone you meet.

Go forth to praise our God in work and play;

Go forth to preach the good news every day.

Go forth to pray, to heal, forgive and care;

Go forth to share the love of God with people everywhere.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: DO LORD

Refrain

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Look away beyond the blue!

You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!
You're the stronghold of my life,
By You all things were made.
Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade,
For I move in the strength of the Lord. *Refrain*

Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!
Even though a war surrounds me
You are always near
One thing I have asked of you
That I will seek for sure
Is to live in the house of the Lord. *Refrain*

You will hide me in your shelter in the day of strife;
You'll conceal me in your tent
Or set me on the height
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night,
So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. *Refrain*

Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.
As it was in the beginning till our race is won.
We can live in the light of the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER REQUESTS

*FOR CHURCH MEMBERS: JOAN, TREMAYNE,
MICKEY, DON W, JEAN M, MILLIE M

*FOR OTHERS WHO ASK FOR PRAYER: STEVE,
NORMAN, KAREN, RON, RICK, JOHN, DEAN,
THELMA, PHIL'S NIECE ERIN AND COUSIN
DON, ANN, MELODY, SHANNON AND HER 3
CHILDREN, ERIK, JAN'S COUSINS BRAD, JULIE,
BONNIE, & HER NEPHEW JOSH SERVING AS
MISSIONARY IN PERU; SCOTT, JANELLE, MARY,
LINDSEY'S MOM ROXANNE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 20th - Back to Church Sunday**
- **September 20th - Sunday School Begins!**
- **September 20th - Mite Sunday**
- **September 27th - Happy 99th Birthday Mount Olive!**
- **September 29th - Church Directory Photos 2:00-8:30PM (Sign Up in the Narthex)**
- **October 12th - WOMO Meeting @ 10AM**
- **October 24th - Painting Class from 10AM-Noon (Sign Up by October 18th in the Narthex. All 16+ are welcome to join!)**
- **November 2nd - Spruce Tip Planter Assembly @ 10AM - All help and donations are appreciated!**
- **November 6th - Bazaar Set Up 4-6PM**
- **November 7th - Bazaar 9AM-1PM**
- **November 16th - WOMO Meeting @ 10AM**
- **November 24th - Thanksgiving Service @ 6PM with a pie social afterwards!**
- **December 5th - WOMO Holiday Party @ 11:30AM (All Adult Women are Welcome to Join!)**
- **December 24th - Christmas Eve Service @ 4PM**

Church Photo Directory

Exciting News! Our church leadership team has decided it is time for our new pictorial church directory. Our date for photography will be on **Tuesday, September 29th from 2-8:30PM**. Please sign up in the narthex for your time slot or online at www.ucdir.com and use our church code MN664 with password MNmembers66. If you would like to submit a photo instead for a \$15 fee, please reach out to Pastor or Lindsey!

Please be sure that your address, phone number and email are all up to date as well. If you are not sure, please contact Lindsey at 952.472.2756!

October 24th Painting Class

There is a sign up in the narthex for anyone 16 and older to participate in our group canvas painting class to be held in fellowship hall on October 24th from 10 am - 12 Noon. There are 3 price points, so please indicate your preferred canvas size when signing up. You may pay with cash, credit card or Venmo as you check in for the class. We will be painting a fall or spring landscape (participants may choose to paint either one) featuring a river running through a forest with flora on either side of the riverbank. **Please sign up by October 18th** to ensure we have enough materials!

WOMO Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale

This event will take place on **Saturday, November 7th from 9 AM - 1 PM**. We hope everyone is busy making, baking, building and crafting various items to donate to help us with our sale. Set up and drop off for contributions will be **Friday, November 6th from 4-6 PM** in fellowship hall. The greater variety of items we have to sell, the greater the success of the sale and the more missions and community organizations we can support. **PLEASE PRICE ALL THE ITEMS YOU DONATE!** WOMO members will not price your items as we have no way of knowing how much time or money you put in to making your creations! Once again we will have a TIMELESS TREASURES table offering new, next to new, and gently used items for sale. If you have things to donate, please price them and drop them off on Friday. We will **NOT** accept clothing, shoes, or books. Household items, home decor, seasonal decor, personal accessories (purses, scarves, etc.) and gift items accepted. Invite your friends and help spread the word! If you would like to sign up to be a vendor, please sign up in the Narthex and contact Lindsey for a vendor form. The fee is \$20 per 6ft table.

BIBLE STUDIES

All of our Bible Studies can be attended in-person or online (Zoom) or via telephone conference call. Call or text Pastor Mike Michalk at 952-388-3858 to learn more.

Those who attend in-person gather in the Fellowship Lounge/Library on the first floor of the Administration and Education Building. Bibles and other materials are available through the church.

***MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Morning's - 7:00 - 8:00 AM, weekly, year-round
Our Tuesday men's group reads through and discusses various books of the Bible.

***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Morning's - 10:00 - 11:15 AM, weekly
The Wednesday women's group uses videos and the bible to study.

***FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Friday Morning's - 10:00 - Noon, weekly, year-round
This is our most in-depth study. We meet in person in the Community Room at Lake Minnetonka Shores, or people can join by phone. If you would like to do so, please contact Pastor at (952) 388-3858

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***If there is an event or information about our church that you would like to add to our bulletin, please give the information to Lindsey no later than Tuesday afternoon. If you would like to put information into the newsletter, give the information to Lindsey by the 20th of the month.**