

~Pentecost~
Sunday, May 31, 2020

Order of Service, Rite One (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 41)

~Prelude

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 157, #78)

P: O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people, by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: Grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~ Hymn 11, vv. 1, 3, 5 *Come, Holy Ghost, in Love*

*1. Come, Holy Ghost, in love
Shed on us from above
Thine own bright ray.
Divinely good Thou art;
Thy sacred gifts impart
To gladden each sad heart.
O come today!*

*3. Come, Light serene and still,
Our inmost bosoms fill,
Dwell in each breast.
We know no dawn but Thine;
Send forth Thy beams divine
On our dark souls to shine
And make us blest.*

*5. Come, all the faithful bless;
Let all who Christ confess
His praise employ.
Give virtue's rich reward,
Victorious death accord
And, with our glorious Lord,
Eternal joy.*

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison

(ELH p. 42)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, II; Matt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — *Glory to God in the highest* (ELH p. 44)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

~**Salutation** — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work* (ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 157 #79)

P: Lord Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God: We beseech You, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, through Your Word, that He may rule and govern us according to Your will, comfort us in every temptation and misfortune, and defend us by Your truth against every error, so that we may continue steadfast in the faith, increase in love and good works, and firmly trusting in Your grace, which You purchased for us by Your death, obtain eternal salvation; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

~**Quintet "Heavenly Spirit"** (Arr. Elmer Hanke)

1. Heavenly Spirit, all others transcending,
Thou who with Father and Son dost abide!
Come Thou, our spirits in unity blending;
Come and make ready the heavenly bride!
Calling and gath'ring, and Jesus declaring,
Building God's Church, shedding light from above,
Come, O Thou Spirit of God never tiring,
Come and interpret God's wonderful love!

2. Merciful Jesus, with love never failing,
Sending Thy Spirit, the pledge ever new,
That Thy atonement for all is availing,
Faith ever sees that Thy promise is true.
Crowned are Thy servants with heavenly fire,
Speaking with hearts and with tongues all aflame;
Heavenly Spirit, our voices inspire,
That we may sing of His glorious name!

3. Heav'nly consoler, with unction celestial,
Heal Thou the wounds of each sin-burdened heart!
Strengthen our faith, and with zeal Pentecostal
Fill our faint souls, and Thy blessings impart!
Create within us new hearts and new spirits;
Lead us in truth, and sustain us in woe;
Teach us true faith in the dear Savior's merits.
So that at death we Thy glory may know.

~Old Testament Lesson

Joel 2:28-32 After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your old men will dream dreams.

Your young men will see visions.

Even on the servants, both male and female,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

I will show warning signs in the heavens and on the earth:

blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the great and terrifying day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

So on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance,

as the Lord has promised, among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

~Hymn 33, vv. 1, 2 *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*

*1. We now implore God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith, which we need the most,
That in our last moments He may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.
Lord, have mercy!*

*2. Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath
bought us, Who again to our homeland hath
brought us. Lord, have mercy!*

~Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:1-11 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God."

~Apostles' Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.

~Hymn 401 *O Day Full of Grace*

*1. O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.*

*2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the work that Light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.*

*3. For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone,
That we, unto Him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.*

*4. God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.*

*5. When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.*

~Exordium – Pentecost Festival Address

~Exordium Hymn 399 *O Light of God's Most Wondrous Love*

*O Light of God's most wondrous love,
Who dost our darkness brighten,
Shed on Thy Church from heav'n above,
Our eye of faith enlighten!
As in Thy light we gather here,
Show us that Christ's own promise clear
Is Yea and Amen ever.
O risen and ascended Lord,
We wait fulfillment of Thy Word;
O bless us with Thy favor!*

~Sermon Text

Luke 1:39-47 In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my

womb leaped for joy! Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!"

Then Mary said,
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,

~Sermon Message

God's Gift and Blessing of the Church

~Hymn 26, vv. 1, 3, 4 O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine

<i>1. O Holy Ghost, Thou gift divine, And giver of all blessing, Thou, with the Father and the Son, True Godhead art possessing, And from them both art shed abroad, Eternal Spirit, Lord and God, In Thee all Christians glory.</i>	<i>3. Our hearts let new created be, Our walk make pure and holy. Help us offense and sin to flee, And ever serve God solely, So that our faith in Christ, our Lord, May prove itself in deed and word Before the world about us.</i>
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*4. Thy gracious heav'nly dew let fall,
The fainting Church to quicken;
Thy soothing ointment pour on all
Whose souls are sad and stricken.
Sustain us, Lord, in evil days,
And let our lives in all our ways
Abound in love and mercy.*

~The Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant

that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; Mt 6:9-13)

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.

~Collect — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH p. 58, II)

P: We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benediction — *Final blessing for God's people*

(ELH p. 59; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Closing Hymn 2, v. 3 *Thou Holy Fire, Comfort True*

*3. Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,
Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart,
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Through life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

~Closing Prayer

(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~Postlude

*(See "Prayers for Worship"
—ELH p. 40)*

*Preacher: Vicar Jacob Kempfert/ Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: John Baumann
Quintet: Phil Jurgenson, Bonnie Windschitl, Jim Gullixson,
Janet Costello, and Lois Johnson
Accompanist: John Baumann*

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$11,170.71 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 4/30/20): \$54,621.

Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

Dear Mt. Olive Family & Friends: Due to the concerns for public health during this COVID-19 pandemic, and respecting the advisement of our governmental agencies, we have moved to providing DIGITAL WORSHIP SERVICES. You can find these on our website and on our local TV station, KTV.

Please know that our church leadership is continuing to look for the best possible ways to serve you with Word and Sacrament. Please bear with us in this process. If you are in need of Pastoral Care or would like to receive the Lord's Supper we are here to minister to you and desire to do so.

You may contact our office at (507) 345-4966.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

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TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "**DONATE ONLINE**". Or **TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate**. Or **Mail** your offering to the church office.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by the Madson Family in loving memory of Clarice Madson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

Mount Olive hosts a blood drive on Wednesday, **June 3 from 1:00-6:00 PM.**

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO. 1 pint can save 3 lives!

Vacation Bible School

At its May meeting, the Board for Parish Education and Youth decided to cancel this year's Vacation Bible School due to the concerns and restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 epidemic. God willing, this will be among the many things we look forward to resuming in the next year!

Camp Indianhead Summer '20 Announcement:

Dear family and friends of Camp Indianhead,

We know Covid-19 has presented a number of challenges for our churches and families over the past few months. In light of these challenges, the Camp Indianhead directors have been carefully considering how to proceed this summer. Though we could adapt Indianhead to meet the current CDC and Minnesota health requirements, we feel strongly that such adaptations would alter the unique culture of Camp Indianhead. Because of our great love for Camp Indianhead and in order to preserve what it means to so many campers, we have decided to postpone camp for this Summer, to resume summer 2021.

For our campers who would have been enjoying their last year of camp, we'd like to temporarily amend the upper age limit, so they can join us summer 2021.

Overall, we are overwhelmed with the support from our families, pastors, and congregations; you are the reason Camp Indianhead exists! We pray you all have a blessed summer and we'll look forward to seeing you summer 2021!

Your servants in Christ,

Pastor Shawn Stafford and Pastor Josh Mayer, Camp Indianhead Directors