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MOUNT OLIVE
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Abiding Savior/Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church is a combined congregation of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ fully presented in the Holy Scriptures, rightly explained in the Lutheran Confessions, and reverently proclaimed in the Divine Service.

Visitors, welcome! We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

347 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

Amen.

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 28:19B; [18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS (HEBRÄER) 10:22]

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 20:19-23]



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 19:1, 4-6;
ANTIPHON: ISAIAH (JESAJA) 45:8A



Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;
let the earth open,
that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end | of the world.*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

*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.

Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

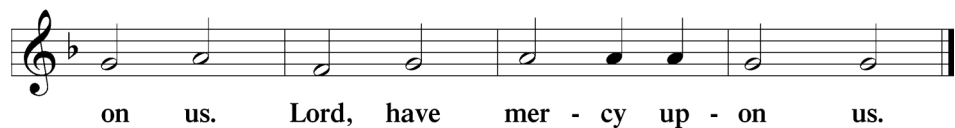
let the earth open,
that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

KYRIE

ST. MARK (MARKUS) 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *is omitted during Advent.*

SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

SIT

OLD TESTAMENT

DEUTERONOMY (5. BUCH MOSE) 18:15-19

In those days, Moses said, ¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 145:18, 21



The LORD is near to all who | call on him,*
to all who call on | him in truth.

**My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS (PHILIPPER) 4:4-7

Brethren: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND

ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 40:17B



Alle- | luia.*
Alle- | luia.
You are my help and my de- | liverer;*
do not delay, O my God! Alle- | luia.



HOLY GOSPEL

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 1:19-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴ (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.)²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God,

Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.

SIT

HYMN OF THE DAY

345 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

SERMON

STAND

OFFERTORY

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 51:10-12



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING – *Before or after the service, you may place your offering in the congregation respective plates available near the front of the nave close to the exit doors. They are labeled according to congregation membership: Abiding Savior—wooden; Mount Olive—brass.*

A special offering for Lutherans in Africa is being received today. There is a third offering plate labeled near the others for your gift to support this worthy work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [1 TIMOTHY (I. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .

Amen.

SIT

HYMN 642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*

STAND

THE SERVICE OF
✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. 2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts. [COLOSSIANS (KOLOSSER) 3:1]

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. [PSALM (DER PSALTER) 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ISAIAH (JESAJA) 6:3; ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 6:9-13

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 CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW (MATTHÄUS) 26:26-28; ST. MARK (MARKUS) 14:22-24;
 ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS (I. BUCH KORINThER) 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, ✠ THIS IS MY BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; ✠ THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN (JOHANNES) 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SIT

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- 359 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
- 352 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*
- 333 *Once He Came in Blessing*

STAND

NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE (LUKAS) 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

PSALM (DER PSALTER) 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY (2. BUCH TIMOTHEUS) 4:22

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM (DER PSALTER) 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

NUMBERS (4. BUCH MOSE) 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

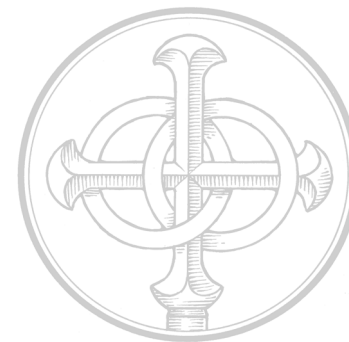
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ✠ peace.



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