



**Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

## MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### As We Gather

*In our Gospel Reading, Jesus addresses two human concerns that continually assault us: worry and fear. But Jesus does much more than simply say, "Do not be anxious; fear not." He goes deep to the causes of our anxiety and fear and provides powerful antidotes that enable us to live confident and courageous lives today and forever.*

### Welcome and Introduction

### Opening Song: *Shout to the Lord*

### Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 34:1–4, 8, 22*

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

People: **The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**



## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Father, we are too easily beset by anxiety and fear. We confess that we are anxious and fearful because we feel we are not in control and that You do not care. Empower us to overcome our anxiety and fear through listening to Jesus with the ears of our hearts. And, as a result of these new and profound truths received deep within our souls, enable us to live daily as witnesses of Christ Jesus in our frantic and fearful world. Amen.**

Pastor: Our heavenly Father not only forgives us for being overwhelmed by anxiety and fear, but also, in our Gospel Reading, Jesus tells we are worth more than the birds, that is, we have present and eternal worth. Jesus also assures us that our true treasure is in heaven, not in the things we acquire and accumulate here on earth. As a called and ordained servant of Christ Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins and assure you that you are His treasured possession of inestimable and eternal value – in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Song of Forgiveness: *Agnus Dei*

### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father, we as people in this anxious and angst-filled world are too easily paralyzed by worry and fear. Send Your Holy Spirit to enable us to hear and to experience the power underneath Jesus' words when He says, "Do not be anxious; fear not!" We ask in the name of Christ Jesus who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**



## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.



<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:22–34*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**



## **Sermon Song: *The Lion and the Lamb***

### **Sermon**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**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 ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

### **Offering**

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## Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray

**People:** Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us: ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** Hear our Prayer

## 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.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

## Closing Song: *Forever*



## Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Acolyte: Wiley Koschmann

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Linda Holscher.

**Last Sunday: 35**

### **August Offering**

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