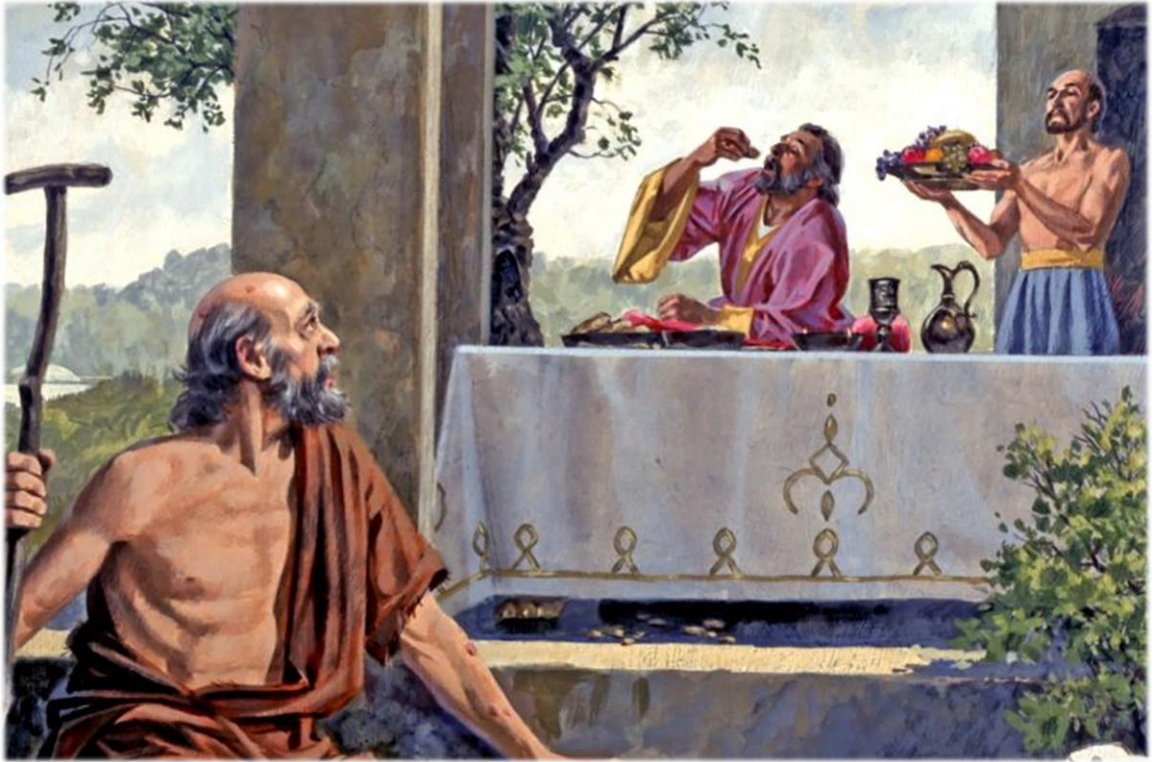




Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 28th, 2025

As We Gather

No Biblical doctrine is more unpopular than "hell." Yet, no one in the Bible speaks about hell as much as Jesus does. Why?

Welcome and Introduction

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Elder: The Lord sets the prisoners free!

People: He opens the eyes of the blind!

Elder: Do not put your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom there is no salvation.

People: Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord.

Elder: Do not put your trust in earthly wealth.

People: Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob.

Elder: The Lord watches over the sojourners.

People: The Lord upholds the widows and the fatherless.

Elder: The Lord will reign forever.

People: Praise the Lord!

Confession and Promise of Forgiveness

Elder: The basic sin, according to the Bible, is looking to someone or something other than Jesus for our identity, our worth, and our significance.

People: We confess that we have looked to the approval of people and their praise, or to acquiring things and the pleasure they give us as the source of who we are, that which makes our lives valuable and worthwhile. We feel if we lost our prosperity, popularity, power, prestige, pleasure, or our piety, we would be worthless and insignificant. May God send His Spirit to enable us to truly and personally repent and say, "Father, forgive me, a sinner!"

Elder: It was the Father's will to send His beloved Son to the cross, where Jesus endured unimaginable suffering, indescribable agony, and a horrendous death. Worst of all, on the cross, He experienced the forsakenness of hell. That's how much He loves us. He received the judgment and condemnation we deserved for our sins. For His sake the Father forgives us all of our sins. To all who trust Jesus Christ as their source of worth and significance, value, identity, and their righteousness, our heavenly Father bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May God the Father who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Elder: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit that we might hear and take to heart the readings from Your holy Word and the message based upon those readings. We ask in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1–7

¹Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6–19

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

Elder: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is

comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

696 O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696 sts. 1–3



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Offering

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Offering Prayer

Elder: 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

Elder: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer

Lord's Prayer

See Insert

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Elder: 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.

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Closing Hymn

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LSB 696 sts. 4-6



4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,
5 Let me de - part this life Con - fid - ing in my Sav - ior;
6 And on that fi - nal day When all the dead are wak - ing,



And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.
By grace re - ceive my soul That it may live for - ev - er;
Stretch out Your might - y hand, My death - ly slum - ber break - ing.



Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And let my bod - y have A qui - et rest - ing place
Then let me hear Your voice, Re - deem this earth - ly frame,



And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.
With - in a Chris - tian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
And bid me to re - joice With those who love Your name.

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Announcements

Elder: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dan Bohlken

Acolyte:

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Debra Fitz.

Last Sunday: 55

July Offerings

Month to Date: \$8,573

Project Monthly Need: \$13,750