



Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday, November 23rd, 2025

As We Gather

There are many things that can define who we are: our relationships, our jobs, our language, our socioeconomic status, our location, or many others. Today, we focus on our identity in Jesus. Who are we because of Jesus? We will find that ultimately, we are not defined by what we do but by what Jesus does for us. Because of Jesus and His work and His ways, we are delivered and set free from sin and the assaults of Satan. You are a forgiven child of God!

Welcome and Introduction

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Though darkness surrounds us,

People: Christ shines His light upon us.

Pastor: Though our world is full of war and violence,

People: Christ is our peace.

Pastor: Though our relationships are strained and broken,

People: Christ brings reconciliation and redemption.

Pastor: Though we fail to remember Jesus,

People: He always remembers us.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: In our lives, we often ask ourselves, "Who am I?" We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

[Silence for Reflection]

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

Epistle

Colossians 1:13–20

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:35–43

390 I Love to Tell the Story

LBW 390

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
Tune: William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

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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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If you are a guest (or if your contact info has changed), please fill out a Connect Card
found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

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 Hymn

837 Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

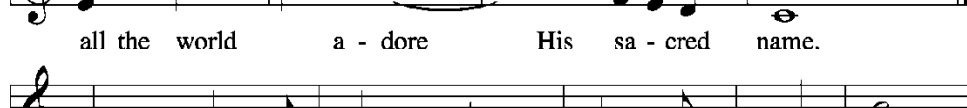
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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

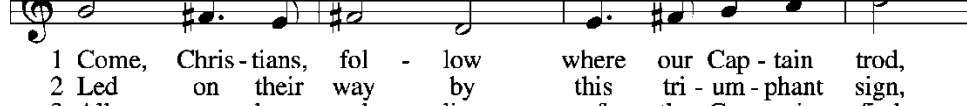


all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

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6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

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Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reader:

Acolyte: Wiley Koschmann

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Todd and Lori Randall in celebration of Earl's Birthday.

Last Sunday: 56

November Offerings

Month to Date: \$17,549

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