



For Everyone
who calls on
The Name Of The
LORD
WILL BE SAVED

ROMANS 10:13

Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

As We Gather

Using only three words, how would you summarize the entire Bible?

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song: *Come As You Are*

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 107:28–30

Pastor: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

People: **and he delivered them from their distress.**

Pastor: He made the storm be still,

People: **and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

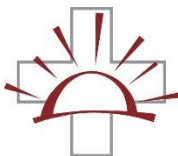
Pastor: Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,

People: **and he brought them to their desired haven.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: By nature, we have unfeeling hearts of stone; we look to the Law as the source of Life before God, when, at best, the Law can only improve our outward lives in the world.

People: **We are sorry that we so naturally gravitate to the Law instead of looking to the One who fulfilled the law for us.**



Pastor: The Old Covenant says, "Your righteousness is based on the Law." But the righteousness based on faith says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." As a called and ordained servant of the Word 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: May this justification and forgiveness give us new hearts to obey God's Law so that we love and serve others joyfully. Amen.

Song of Forgiveness: *Your Love, Oh Lord*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father, forgive us for trusting in the Law to give us the Life that the Scriptures call "eternal." Help us more and more to trust in Jesus and all He has done to make us righteous in Your sight and to assure us of complete forgiveness. And, in this forgiveness, write the Law on our hearts and minds so that we gladly serve You by serving others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:11–20

¹¹"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹⁴But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

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: *Here I Am, Lord*



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: 41

August Offering

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