



DO NOT
BE
BUT OVERCOME BY
EVIL,
EVIL WITH
GOOD.

ROMANS 12:21 (ESV)

Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

As We Gather

In the quiet refuge of the sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trousing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Song: Come as You Are

Verse 1

*Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal*

Chorus

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

Verse 2

*There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure*

Chorus

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

Bridge

*Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are*

Verse 3

*There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal*

Chorus

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
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 72:18–19; 119:1; 116:5, 9

Pastor: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

People: who walk in the law of the LORD!

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

People: I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**People: Blessed be His glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!**

Confession and Absolution

Jeremiah 15:20b

Pastor: Since we are gathered to delight ourselves in the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

[silence for quiet reflection]

Pastor: O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:

People: We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness, turning away from You when we should be turning toward You.

Pastor: Father, forgive us.

People: Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil with good.

Pastor: Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

People: The grace You tell us to share with both our friends and our enemies is the mercy we also need.

Pastor: Renew us, Spirit of truth.

People: Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.

Pastor: "I am with you to save you and deliver you," declares the Lord. Through Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As one called to be your pastor and commissioned by Jesus to deliver the delight of His Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Song of Forgiveness: *Agnus Dei*

Verse

Alleluia...

Alleluia... for the Lord God almighty reigns

Alleluia...

Alleluia... for the Lord God almighty reigns

Alleluia...

Chorus

Holy...

Holy... are you Lord God almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy

Holy... are you Lord God almighty

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

Sermon Song: *In Christ Alone*

Verse 1

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

Verse 3

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again*

*And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

Verse 2

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save*

*'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

Verse 4

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny*

*No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Offering

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: *Who You Say I Am*

Verse 1

*Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me*

Pre-Chorus

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

Verse 2

*Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me*

Chorus

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

Bridge

*I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
(repeat)*

Chorus

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

Tag

*In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*



Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Last Sunday: 64

August Offering

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