



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 17 A

July 26, 2026 ✝ 10:00 a.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ congregation. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that the liturgy is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place.

Following the Liturgy

- *Page*: Numbers marked “page ...” are in the front of the cranberry red hymnal in the lower outside corners of the pages.
- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the cranberry red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- *Psalms* are numbered as hymns 1–150.
- *Hymns numbered 901–1100*, marked “ACS HYMN ...,” are in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

Accessibility

- An *elevator* is located at the north entry. Turn right as you exit the nave.
- A large *unisex restroom* is located on the lower level (across the hall from the elevator).
- *Primary restrooms* are located on the main floor near the elevator.
- *Additional parking* is available on Sunday mornings behind the Career Force center at the corner of Chicago Ave. and Lake St.
- *Hearing Assistance*
 - *T-coil* is provided in our nave and other large gathering areas.
 - *Small headsets* are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Focus on the Season

Today Jesus offers images from everyday life that reveal to us the reign of God. God’s reign is like a tree that becomes a safe and sheltering home, like yeast that penetrates and expands, like a treasured pearl, like a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God’s reign, the great surprise is that God’s grace finds us first!

Holy Eucharist

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Entrance

PRELUDE

Adagio and Allegro, from Organ Concerto no. 10 in D minor, op. 7, no. 4

G. F. Handel, arr. Hermann Keller

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

(standing)

HYMN 533

GREETING

Response: **☩ And also with you.**

KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: **☩ Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

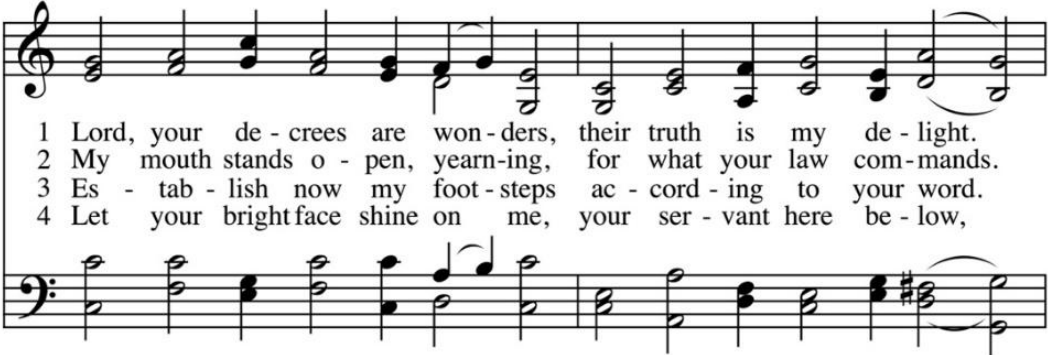
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Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

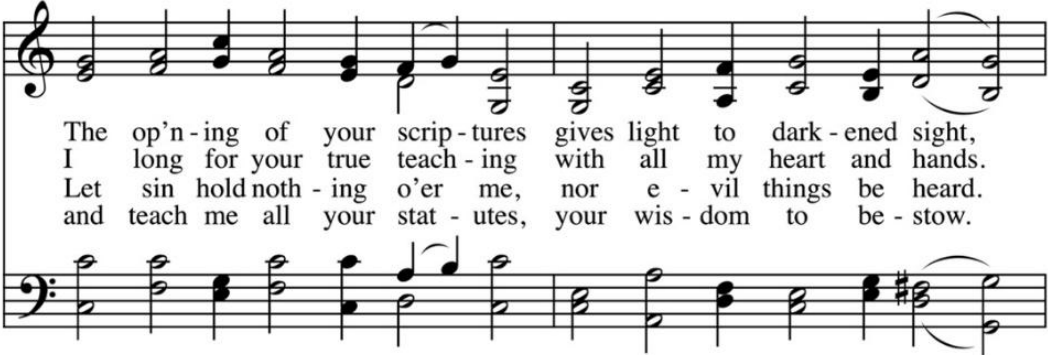
A brief silence follows the reading.

PSALMODY: Psalm 119:129-136

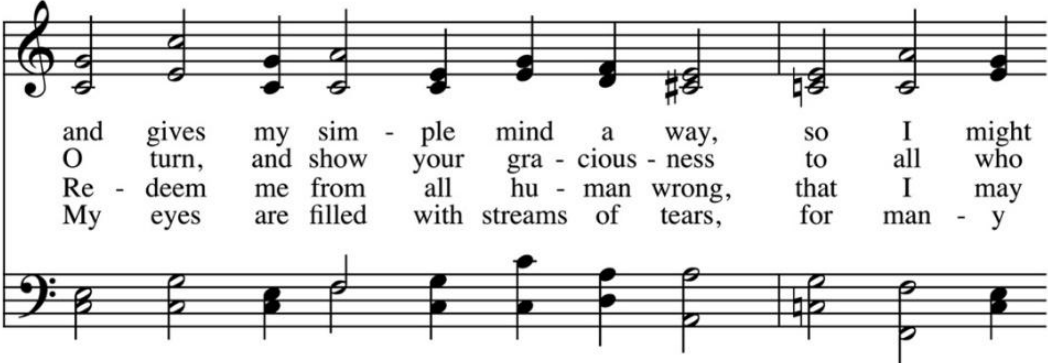
Sung in harmony throughout.



1 Lord, your de - crees are won - ders, their truth is my de - light.
2 My mouth stands o - pen, yearn-ing, for what your law com-mands.
3 Es - tab - lish now my foot-steps ac - cord - ing to your word.
4 Let your bright face shine on me, your ser - vant here be - low,



The op'n - ing of your scrip - tures gives light to dark - ened sight,
I long for your true teach - ing with all my heart and hands.
Let sin hold noth - ing o'er me, nor e - vil things be heard.
and teach me all your stat - utes, your wis - dom to be - stow.



and gives my sim - ple mind a way, so I might
O turn, and show your gra - cious - ness to all who
Re - deem me from all hu - man wrong, that I may
My eyes are filled with streams of tears, for man - y

un - der - stand it and walk in wis - dom's day.
 call and love you, your mer - cy I con - fess.
 keep your pre - cepts and walk in them life - long.
 spurn your teach - ing and walk in doubt and fear.

Text: Psalm 119:129-136, para. adapted from *The Becker Psalter*, Cornelius Becker, 1561–1604
 Music: ICH HAß DIE FLATTERGEISTER, SWV 222, Heinrich Schütz, 1585–1672

A brief silence follows the psalm.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

A brief silence follows the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung twice

(standing)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Many will come from east and west
 and will eat in the kingdom of heaven. (*Matthew 8:11*)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Real Hope

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“How Shall We See the Realm of God” [TREE OF LIFE]

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 3 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All



1 How shall we see the realm of God? A seed so small
2 The realm of God, it is as yeast a wom - an mixed
3 The realm of God is as a pearl, or treas - ure in
4 The realm of God is as a net that drags the fath -
5 Your realm shall come, O God, on earth: As grow - ing seed,



it scarce is seen, yet grows a tree so tall and broad,
in - to the meal that proofed and hid - den, thus in - creased,
the soil con - cealed, so rare and of such price - less worth,
oms of the deep, in - gath - ers fish and flot - sam both,
as ris - ing bread, as treas - ure found, as price - less pearl,



a gra - cious ref - uge full and green: There birds can nest
a ris - en, leav - ened loaf to yield: And from this blest,
all else is sold to buy the field: Great joy shall mark
the some to cast, the some to keep: And God a - lone
as har - vest of the troll - ing net: An ac - tive God -



a - mong its boughs and larks and spar - rows find a house.
a - bun - dant bread the hun - gry ones may all be fed.
the sac - ri - fice that buys the pearl be - yond all price.
will sort the trove with ho - ly will and stead - fast love.
ly grow - ing sphere, un - til your realm at last is here.



O grant us won - der, God, that we
 O grant us meek - ness, God, that we
 O grant us wis - dom, God, that we
 O grant us mer - cy, God, that we
 O grant us o - - - pen hearts, that we

may signs of your un - fold - ing see.
 may signs of your up - ris - ing see.
 may signs of your a - bun - dance see.
 may signs of your com - pas - sion see.
 may ves - sels of your com - ing be.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953–2021
 Music: TREE OF LIFE, Bruce W. Becker, b. 1952

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:  **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Meal

OFFERING

(seated)

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online using the QR code on the back of this worship folder.

“The Reign of God, like Farmer’s Field” (DUNLAP’S CREEK)

James Biery

OFFERTORY HYMN

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“The Reign of God, like Farmer’s Field”

ACS HYMN 952

Stanzas 1 & 2 – all

Stanzas 3 & 4 – all in canon, pulpit side begins,

lectern side begins one measure later

Stanza 5 – all

OFFERTORY PRAYER

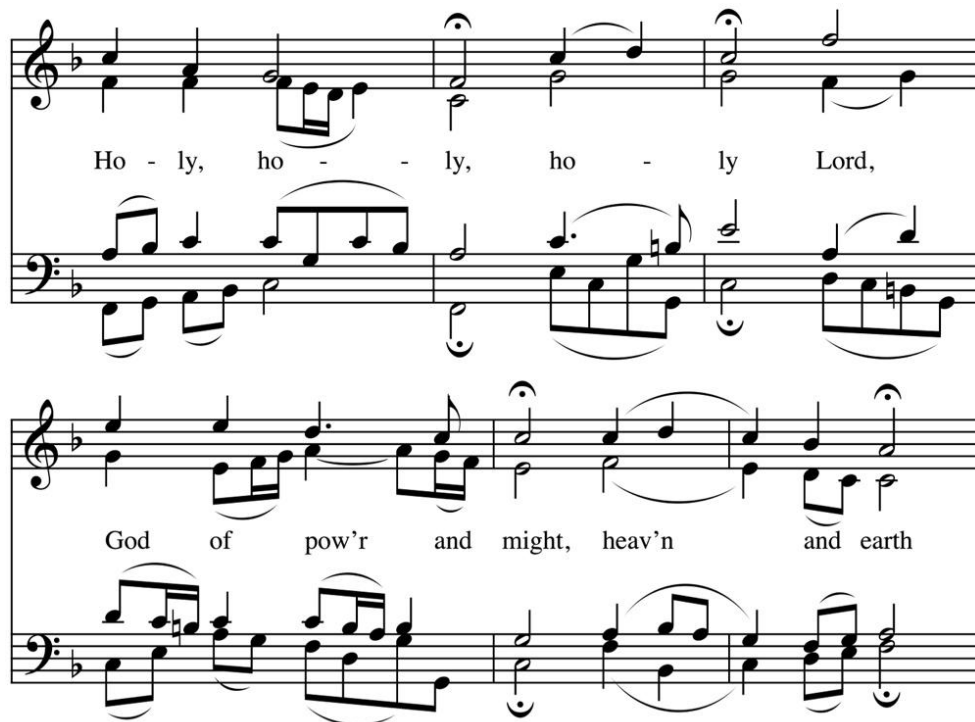
Response:  **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda – “Lift up your hearts”

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Sanctus – “Holy, holy, holy”



Ho - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth

are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy and Triune God, you alone . . . Christ's death until he comes.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P Holy and Triune God, we remember . . . longing for Christ's return.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P Holy and Triune God, we pray . . . throughout the world.
C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
P Blessing, praise, and thanks . . . world without end.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come,

your will be done on earth as in heav - - - en.

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For-give us our sins

as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al and de-liv - er us from

e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are

yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men, a - - - men.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

G O Christ, give us this bread always.

COMMUNION

(seated)

Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

HYMN 775

Introduction by J. S. Bach

Stanzas 1 and 3 – All

Stanza 2 – Organ alone, setting by Paul Manz

“Be Thou My Vision”

HYMN 793

“You Are the Way”

HYMN 758

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **G Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **G Amen.**

Sending

The Sacrament of our Lord’s Body and Blood may be sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.

P We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that they may also share in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

G We, who are many, are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

BLESSING

Response: **G Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (JESU, MEINE FREUDE), *Partita 10* Johann Gottfried Walther



The flowers on the altar are given by Andrew Stoebig in honor of Sarah Stoebig's birthday.

Acknowledgments: *Kyrie*, “Glory to God,” and “Lamb of God” by Ronald A. Nelson. Gospel Acclamation based on *Agnus Dei* from Mass IX, adapted by Regina Fryxell from the Swedish Missal 1942. “How shall we see the realm of God” text © 2014 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress; music © 1995 Bruce W. Becker, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission under OneLicense.net # A-704058. *Sanctus* adapted by J. S. Bach from “Heilig, Heilig,” Steinau, 1726, after *Sanctus minus summus*; BWV 325. Lord’s Prayer (*Otche Nash*) by Nikolai Kedrov Sr., adapted by David Cherwien.

About today’s music

On Tuesday, July 28, the church commemorates three influential composers whose music has profoundly shaped the church’s worship and artistic witness. **Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)**, often called the father of German sacred music, helped establish the Lutheran musical tradition in the generation after the Reformation. **Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)** brought that tradition to its highest artistic expression, composing cantatas, passions, and organ works that continue to illuminate Scripture and enrich the church’s worship. **George Friderick Handel (1685–1759)** is best known for his oratorio *Messiah*, whose proclamation of Christ’s life, death, resurrection, and reign has inspired people around the world. Today’s psalmody is from Schütz’s musical settings of the metrical psalms of Cornelius Becker. The introduction to “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” is from Bach’s collection of chorale preludes, *Das Orgelbuchlein*, and the prelude is from one of Handel’s organ concertos, which were composed as interludes to his oratorios.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister and Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan	Lora Dundek
Assisting Minister	Jim Bargmann
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Erik Nelson
Communion Ministers	Larry Duncan, Allen Dundek
Livestream / Audio Mix	Dan Hellerich / Ken Schulz
Acolytes	Margaret Gohman, Larry Duncan
Lector	Brian Jacobs
Ushers	Carol Martinson, George Ferguson, Lisa Nordeen
Altar Guild	Jan Harbaugh
Coffee Host	Host Needed

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Erik Nelson
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Soloist	Chandler Molbert
Sacristan	Al Bipes
Assisting Minister	Paul Nixdorf
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Erik Nelson
Communion Ministers	Linda & Brad Holt; Judy & Walt Hinck
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / David Molvik
Acolytes	Rose Thompson, Amy Thompson
Lector	Rob Ruff
Ushers	Sue Browender, David Engen, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff, Tammy Anderson
Coffee Host	Vicar Committee, in honor of Vicar Erik Nelson's final Sunday with us

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, July 26 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, Lect. 17 A

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and fellowship

11:30 a.m. Community Well-Being Committee [Schroedel Library]

Monday, July 27

7:00 p.m. Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group) [Undercroft]

Tuesday, July 28 – Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, George Frederick Handel

Wednesday, July 29 – St. Mary, St. Martha, and St. Lazarus of Bethany; St. Olaf, King of Norway

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting [Schroedel Library]

12:00 p.m. Bible Study (Wednesdays during the summer) [East Assembly]

1:00 p.m. *Olive Branch* submission deadline

Thursday, July 30

9:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer** [Columbarium transept of the Nave]

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous [Undercroft]

Friday, July 31 – St. Joseph of Arimathea

Olive Branch publication

7:00 p.m. Recovery Group [Undercroft]

Saturday, August 1

Sunday, August 2 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 A

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and fellowship

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Leah Crosby and her newborn daughter, Myla Rose; Jan Gallagher; Allen Heggen; Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo Nelson; Gail Nielsen; Connie & Rod Olson; Russ Pearson; Elijah Pettis; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Mark Spitzack; Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Paul Carlson, friend of David Anderson; Paul Solarski, uncle of Emily Bird; Shelly Clubb, friend of Joyce Brown; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Lawrence Walker & Anne Walker, friends of Irene Campbell; Heather Johnson and Theresa Ryser, relatives of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvett, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull, and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Jesus Lopez and Philip Borchardt, friends of Gene Janssen; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Bonnie Beisell and Ken Kaliher, friend and brother of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Sandy Bryant, Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, sister, brother, and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Chris McCune-Zierath, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke; Linda Penas, relative of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Milt Ferris, brother-in-law of Cynthia Prosek; Jolie Melana Meshbeshier and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Aric Sorenson, former member of Mount Olive; Trish Ryan, mother-in-law of Erika Thurston Ryan; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Marijane and Cheryl Ness and Steve Langlie, friends of Eric Zander; and Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive.

For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: Patsy Holtmeier, Dwight Penas, Greg Terhaar, Thomas May, Joanna Dyson, Greg Hemme, Daniel Schwandt, Barbara French, Bill Sallberg, David Cherwein

At the death of: Jeff Anderson, cousin of Dwight Penas

In hospice care: David Tabis; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig

We remember the saints who have gone before us:

July 28: *Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians* These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

July 29: *St. Mary, St. Martha, and St. Lazarus of Bethany* Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him – Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

July 29: *St. Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030* Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

July 31: *St. Joseph of Arimathea, witness of the faith* Joseph, along with Nicodemus, was one of the Jewish leaders who followed Jesus and became a disciple. After Jesus' crucifixion, it appears Joseph for the first time revealed himself as a follower, as he asked Pilate for Jesus' body, and subsequently buried Jesus in his own tomb. His feast day varies, with the Orthodox (and Lutherans) celebrating on July 31, the Anglicans and Episcopalians on Aug. 1, and the Roman Catholics on Aug. 31.



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