



Mt. Olive
Lutheran Church

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TO DEVELOP DEVOTED DISCIPLES BY REACHING,
BUILDING AND SENDING

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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Worship 9:00 A.M.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME - Please sign our "Record of Fellowship" book found in the pew

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Found at the end of bulletin)

OPENING HYMN

Hear Our Praises

Verse 1

**May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray**

Chorus

**From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air**

Verse 2

**May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas**

Bridge

**Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah**

Ending

**From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:25-32

P: I am laid low in the dust; renew my life according to Your Word.

C: I recount my ways and You answered me; teach me Your decrees.

P: Let me understand the teaching of Your precepts; then I will meditate on Your wonders.

C: My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your Word.

P: Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through Your Laws.

C: I have chosen the way of the truth; I have set my heart on Your Laws.

P: I hold fast to Your statutes, O Lord; do not let me be put to shame.

C: I run in the path of Your commands, for You have set my heart free.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. We are called to humble ourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that He may lift us up.

C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

P: We confess our sins to God. Gracious Lord,

C: we confess to You that we are by nature sinful. You came to serve all people. We have sought to serve ourselves. Your Word exhorts us to be peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere. We confess that we have been quarrelsome, selfishly ambitious, covetous, and envious. By our thoughts, words and actions, we have sown disorder rather than peace and righteousness. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

P: Jesus Christ, who was betrayed into hands of sinful men, killed on the cross, and raised to life for us, has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the

devil. Therefore, to those who trust in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

P: Therefore, it is my privilege to announce that our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *(We pray together)* **O God, whose Son taught us that greatness is in serving (Mark 9:35) and that peace is in Him (John 16:33) preserve us from becoming friends of this world's ways, and help us to be faithful to Your Word and example. Teach us the ways of peace, help us to be peacemakers according to Your will, and give us that peace which the world cannot give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Reader: Numbers 11: 4-6,10-16, 24-29 There were foreigners traveling with the Israelites. They had a strong craving for meat, and even the Israelites themselves began to complain: "If only we could have some meat! ⁵ In Egypt we used to eat all the fish we wanted, and it cost us nothing. Remember the cucumbers, the watermelons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic we had? ⁶ But now our strength is gone. There is nothing at all to eat—nothing but this manna day after day!" Moses heard all the people complaining as they stood around in groups at the entrances of their tents. He was distressed because the LORD had become angry with them, ¹¹ and he said to the LORD, "Why have you treated me so badly?"

Why are you displeased with me? Why have you given me the responsibility for all these people? ¹² I didn't create them or bring them to birth! Why should you ask me to act like a nurse and carry them in my arms like babies all the way to the land you promised to their ancestors? ¹³ Where could I get enough meat for all these people? They keep whining and asking for meat. ¹⁴ I can't be responsible for all these people by myself; it's too much for me! ¹⁵ If you are going to treat me like this, have pity on me and kill me, so that I won't have to endure your cruelty any longer."

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses, "Assemble seventy respected men who are recognized as leaders of the people, bring them to me at the Tent of my presence, and tell them to stand there beside you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He assembled seventy of the leaders and placed them around the Tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took some of the spirit he had given to Moses and gave it to the seventy leaders. When the spirit came on them, they began to shout like prophets, but not for long.

²⁶ Two of the seventy leaders, Eldad and Medad, had stayed in the camp and had not gone out to the Tent. There in the camp the spirit came on them, and they too began to shout like prophets. ²⁷ A young man ran out to tell Moses what Eldad and Medad were doing.

²⁸ Then Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' helper since he was a young man, spoke up and said to Moses, "Stop them, sir!" ²⁹ Moses answered, "Are you concerned about my interests? I wish that the LORD would give his spirit to all his people and make all of them shout like prophets!"

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Reader: James 5: 13-20 Are any among you in trouble?

They should pray. Are any among you happy? They should sing praises. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should send for the church elders, who will pray for them and rub olive oil on them in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ This prayer made in faith will heal the sick; the Lord will restore them to health, and the sins they have committed will be forgiven. ¹⁶ So then, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect. ¹⁷ Elijah was the same kind of person as we are. He prayed earnestly that there would be no rain, and no rain fell on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Once again he prayed, and the sky poured out its rain and the earth produced its crops. ¹⁹ My friends, if any of you wander away from the truth and another one brings you back again, ²⁰ remember this: whoever turns a sinner back from the wrong way will save that sinner's soul from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: Today's Gospel reading is from the book of Mark chapter 6 beginning at the 38th verse. 50

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group." ³⁹ "Do not try to stop him," Jesus told them, "because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to say evil things about me. ⁴⁰ For whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive a reward. ⁴² "If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose faith in me, it would be better for that person to have

a large millstone tied around the neck and be thrown into the sea. ⁴³ So if your hand makes you lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life without a hand than to keep both hands and go off to hell, to the fire that never goes out. ⁴⁴ [a] ⁴⁵ And if your foot makes you lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life without a foot than to keep both feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁶ [b] ⁴⁷ And if your eye makes you lose your faith, take it out! It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to keep both eyes and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁸ There 'the worms that eat them never die, and the fire that burns them is never put out.'

⁴⁹ "Everyone will be purified by fire as a sacrifice is purified by salt. ⁵⁰ "Salt is good; but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? "Have the salt of friendship among yourselves and live in peace with one another."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- 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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Verse 1

**My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Saviour divine
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine**

Verse 2

**May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire**

Verse 3

**While life's dark maze I tread
And grief's around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside**

Verse 4

**When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Saviour then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul**

SERMON... Building a Life on Faith

God's Dream For our Lives (Part 1) Jeremiah 29:11

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Most merciful Father, You have brought us into Your church with Your great love. You have revealed to us Your way of salvation. You have linked us to eternity and remind us that we want to really see the purpose of this life; we've got to see heaven. Help us be only pilgrims on this earth and build our lives on toward glory. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Tied to heaven, give us courage to build the church on earth. Help us order our days. We seek to do things Your way. **Drive** us into Your word to meet Your "holy will" for our lives. **Compel** us to love one another in a time when we need each other as never before. Force from us pettiness and murmuring. **Lead** us to infectiously share Your love in Jesus Christ with someone in our life.

C: Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me; and may I gladly do my part to lead that soul to Thee!

P: Almighty God, we place into Your hands all other petitions and people for whom we pray... We thank You for hearing our prayers and for the answers You are already providing.

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

All: 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom and the power
And the glory forever. Amen, Amen.

A SENDING PRAYER (sung)

All: Lord lay some soul upon my heart and love
that soul through me and may I gladly do my
part to win that soul for Thee. And when I
enter heavens gates and Saints around me
appear I'd like to hear someone say to me
"It was You who invited me here."

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The
Lord look upon you with His favor and give You, His
peace.

C: **Amen!**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **We will be devoted disciples by reaching,
building, and sending.**

THE CLOSING SONG

O Worship the King

Verse 1

**O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise**

Verse 2

**O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm**

Verse 4

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain**

Verse 5

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Meeting for the parents and youth that are interested in attending this event. Sunday September 26th (today) after service.

*NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Houston Texas is July 9th -13th, 2022, those eligible to go are 9th grade up to 19 years old. (Ages 14 to 19). Pre-registration is opened if interested see Nancy Livingston or Grisel Wheeler. More dates posted on the Community Board in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall.

- *FLOWERS: For our worship services, a flower sign up is in the foyer and is a wonderful way to honor someone, a celebration or thanksgiving for friends or family- or just flowers to the Glory of God. Florist or garden flowers for the pedestal are welcome.
- * READERS & GREETERS: sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you or your family is interested in either one of these ministries.
- * ACOLYTE: sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.
- *LWML Dates you may want to add to your calendar:
- Oct. 9 Monthly meeting @ 9:30AM
 - Nov. 5 Vendor set up for Bazaar @ 11AM-7PM
 - Nov. 6 Holiday Bazaar @ 9AM-3PM
 - Dec. 11 Christmas Project @ 9:30AM
(Counts for monthly meeting)
 - Jan. 15 Monthly meeting @ 9:30AM
 - Feb 12 Monthly meeting @ 9:30AM
 - Mar. 12 Monthly meeting @ 9:30AM
- *Men's Bible Study: Padre Bible and Brews @ 6:30PM @ Kiln.
September 28th Tuesday.
- *Coffee Hours at Rosauers the last Tuesday of every month @ 11:30AM. This is a very informal gathering, just a way to connect and get to know one another. If you would like more information, you can contact Carol Bauer @ 571-1111
- *Veteran's Stand Down: Saturday Oct. 23rd at the Sundome
Donation's Needed: Warm clothing, blankets, toilet paper and hand sanitizers. We will have a collection box in the Fellowship Hall for all of your donations. The "Stand Down provides free services for active duty, reservists, veterans and their family members.

Building a Life on Faith

God's Dream For our Lives...Part 1

Our dreams often shape our _____.

Our dreams often can define our _____.

*"For I know the plans I have **for you**, says the Lord, plans to **prosper you and not to harm you**, plans to give you a **hope and a future!**"*
Jeremiah 29:11

The acrostic D-R-E-A-M.

D stands for **D**_____ my life to God.

*"... **offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service ... Do not conform to the standards of this world, but let God transform you ... Then you will be able to know the will of God - what is good ... pleasing ... perfect.**"*
Romans 12:1-2

Notice there's a _____.

What is God's will for our lives? He says, its **good**. It's **pleasing**. It's **perfect**.

The Greek word for perfect here means it _____.

"Do not conform to the standards of this world." Why? Most people miss God's dream because they are not focusing on God.

A reason we miss God's dream is because we're hung up with trying to _____.

We have to decide am I going to settle for the American dream or for God's dream.

*"**Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back ... and run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.**"*
Hebrews 12:1

Are we carrying any _____?

R stands for **R**_____ **time** with God.

"Pause a moment and listen! Consider the wonderful things God does." Job 37:14

The famous philosopher Pascal said, "Most of man's problems come from his inability to sit still."

Have you ever taken an entire day and did nothing but just be alone with God?