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St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

September 21, 2025

Service Supplement

HYMN OF INVOCATION

518 By All Your Saints in Warfare



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 Praise, Lord, for him whose Gos - pel Your
△ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
hu - man life de - clared, Who, world - ly gain for -
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
sak - ing, Your path of suf - f'ring shared. From
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
all un - righ - teous mam - mon, O raise our eyes a -
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
new That we in our vo - ca - tion
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed and from Your throne.
May rise and fol God - low You.
And praise to God a - lone.

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Psalm 119:33-40; antiphon: v. 35 (Spoken Responsively)

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³³**Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.**

³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵**Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.**

³⁶Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!

³⁷**Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.**

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.

³⁹**Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your just decrees are good.**

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

Collect of the Day

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:8–3:11

⁸"But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

¹And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

⁴And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

Gradual (Spoken Together) Ps. 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

**How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.**

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 9:9-13

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

HYMN OF THE DAY

730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;

The triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live!

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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed for Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -



ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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HYMN TO DEPART

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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Organist – Mark Elmschauser

Praise Team – Nancy McWhirter, director (11)

Elders – Adam Johnston (9), Jeff Claxton (11)

Ushers – Mike Brown, Laurie Knight

Greeter – Devonnie Domineck (9 & 11)

Altar Guild – Wendy Bleeke



The altar flowers are given by Brian and Kathy Pelepchan in celebration of Kathy's parents' 72nd anniversary.

Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave (located on either side of the fireplace), mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

This Week

9/21 Sunday	9 AM	Traditional Worship
	10 AM	Coffee, Sunday School and Bible Study
	11 AM	Contemporary Worship
	12 PM	Men's Bible Study
	12:15 PM	Confirmation
9/23 Tuesday	1:15 PM	Spirit Ringers
	1 PM	Praise Team
9/24 Wed.	10 AM	Bible Talk
	11:30 AM	Young at Heart
	5 PM	Chamber Ensemble
	6 PM	Bel Canto
		<i>No Chancel Choir rehearsal</i>
9/25 Thursday	1 PM	LWML EC
9/28 Sunday	9 AM	Traditional Worship
	9:30 AM	Neighborhood Pancake Breakfast
	11 AM	Contemporary Worship
	12 PM	Men's Bible Study
	12:15 PM	Confirmation
	1:15 PM	Spirit Ringers

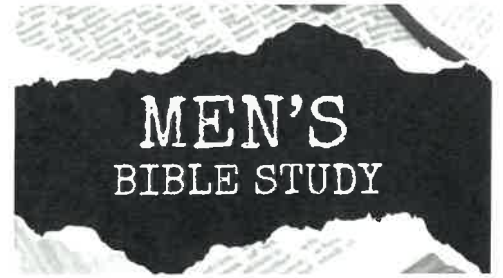
See The Loop for a complete list of activities and details at mtolc.org

Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

Join the men of Mount Olive this fall as we gather around the Psalms, learning to delight in God's Word, lead with wisdom, and live with purpose.

We'll be using Blessed Is the Man, a Christ-centered study of the Psalms of Wisdom and Praise.

Whether you're a young dad, a seasoned grandpa, or somewhere in between, please come and join us!



Young at Heart Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Potluck at 11:30

Gary Fuller from Orphan Grain Train will give a presentation about Orphan Grain Train's various activities. All members of the congregation are welcome to come hear this informative presentation.



National Good Neighbor Day September 28, 2025 Pancake Breakfast 9:30 to 11:00am

To celebrate National Good Neighbor Day, we are inviting the neighbors to a free pancake breakfast. There will be no regular Sunday School that day, but there will be activity stations for all the children. To make this a successful event, we need your help. Several people are needed to make pancakes and greet our guests during the breakfast. There are two shifts. If you normally attend 11:00, consider helping at the first shift. If you attend 9:00, consider helping during the second shift so that everyone can still attend their favorite service. If you can help, please sign up at the ARK. Plan to come that day to enjoy pancakes and spend a little time visiting with your friends and our guests.

New Worship Times

9:00 -10:00 Traditional worship service

Communion on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month

10:00 -10:50 Coffee, Sunday School, and Adult Bible study

11:00-12:00 Contemporary worship service

Communion on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month.