



Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Gathering Songs



Great Is the Lord



Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and
true,

By His mercy He proves He is love.



Great is the Lord and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your
voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!



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Amazing Love



My Lord what love is this
That pays so dearly
That I the guilty one
May go free



Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live



And so they watched Him die
Despised rejected
But oh the blood He shed
Flowed for me



Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live



And now this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away
Live again



Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live



Greeting



If We've Ever Needed You



Hear our cry Lord we pray
Our faces down our hands are raised
You called us out we turned away
We've turned away



With shipwrecked faith the idols rise
We do what is right in our own eyes
Our children now will pay the price
We need Your light Lord shine Your
light



If we've ever needed You
Lord it's now Lord it's now
We are desp'rate for Your hand
We're reaching out we're reaching out



All our hearts all our strength
With all our minds we're at Your feet
May Your kingdom come in our hearts
and lives
Let Your church arise let Your church
arise



If we've ever needed You
Lord it's now Lord it's now
We are desp'rate for Your hand
We're reaching out we're reaching out
(Repeat)



We need You now

Revive us now

We need You now



Invocation



**We confess our
sins**

**God forgives
our sins**



Introit

(spoken responsively)



(Pastor)

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



(People)

**Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.**



(Pastor)

Your faithfulness endures to all
generations;

you have established the earth,
and it stands fast.



(People)

**By your appointment they stand this
day,
for all things are your servants.**



(Pastor)

If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my
affliction.



(People)

**I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me
life.**



(All)

**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.**



(Pastor)

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



Ancient Words



Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;



Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.



Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.



Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.



Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart.



First Reading

Acts 17:16-31



While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons,



and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?”



Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?”



For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.



So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’”



What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,



nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth,



having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him.



Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’



Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,



because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”



Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Epistle Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22



Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy,



always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.



For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,



being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared,



in which a few, that is, eight persons,
were brought safely through water.
Baptism, which corresponds to this,
now saves you, not as a removal of dirt
from the body but as an appeal to God
for a good conscience,



through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.



Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



The Power of The Cross



Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten
then
Nailed to a cross of wood



Oh to see the pain written on Your
face

Bearing the awesome weight of sin

Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed

Crowning Your bloodstained brow



This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross



Now the daylight flees, now the
ground beneath

Quakes as its Maker bows His head

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to
life

Finished the vict'ry cry



Oh to see my name written in the
wounds

For through Your suff'ring I am free

Death is crushed to death, life is mine
to live

Won through Your selfless love



This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross



Gospel Reading

St. John
14:15–21



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

People: Glory to You, O
Lord.



[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him.



You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.



In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”



**Pastor: This is the Gospel of
the Lord.**

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



Holy Spirit (You are Welcome Here)



There's nothing worth more that will
ever come close

No thing can compare You're our living
hope

Your Presence Lord



I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of
loves

Where my heart becomes free and my
shame is undone

In Your Presence Lord



Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long
for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
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Sermon



Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father
Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth**



Apostles' Creed

**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.**



Apostles' Creed

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.



Apostles' Creed

**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.**



Prayers



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



Lord's Prayer

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.



Offering



Communion



Blessing

Prayer



Benediction



How Good It Is



How good how good

How good it is

(Repeat 2 Times)



Enter His gates with thanks
Enter His courts with praise
Bring Him a shout of joy
Sing of His endless fame



For the Lord is good
And His love endures
His love endures forever



We remember this
We remember this



Oh how good that it is
To sing praise to the Lord
Oh how great is the Name above all
Names



From the rising of the morning sun
To the setting of the same
Oh how good that it is to sing praise
How good it is



How good how good

How good it is

(Repeat)



Rivers will clap their hands
Mountains will lift their song
Even the rocks cry out
Creation stands in awe



Of the One who was
And the One who is
And the One who reigns forever



We remember this
We remember this



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Oh how great is the Name above all
Names



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To the setting of the same
Oh how good that it is to sing praise
How good it is



How good how good

How good it is



Oh how good that it is
To sing praise to the Lord
Oh how great is the Name above all
Names



From the rising of the morning sun
To the setting of the same
And with ev'ry breath inside our lungs
Forever we will sing



Oh how good that it is to sing praise

Oh how good that it is to sing praise

How good it is



How good how good

How good it is

(Repeat)



Announcements



Sunday, May 31st

11 am

Fellowship Hall

**We will have one worship
service at 10 am.**



Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Regular Services

Sunday

8:30 AM

Traditional Service

Sunday

11 AM

Contemporary Service



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