



**OLIVET**  
Lutheran  
Church

# Worship Service 10 a.m.

All are Welcome!

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

*The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. -Psalm 145:8*

*\*For those present in the sanctuary, the words to the hymns  
shown on the screen are for your silent meditation.*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Pastor: Faithful God,

People: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

People: **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

**Gather Us In**

**ELW 532**

### Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading

**Jonah 3:10-4:11**

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

### Psalm 145:1-8 (read in unison)

**<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.**

**<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

**<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.**

**<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

**<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.**

**<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

**<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.**

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Second Reading

**Philippians 1:21-30**

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**People: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter. **People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel

**Matthew 20:1-16**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Pastor Tiffany Sundeen**

## Hymn of the Day

**I Love to Tell the Story**

**ELW 661**

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy **People: hear our prayer.**

## Offering Moment

## Invitation to Communion ~ Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing & Dismissal

Pastor: Mothering God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **People: Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn

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**ELW 641**

**(vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)**

**BROADCAST** *Our Sunday worship service can be heard every Sunday on WDAY at 10 a.m. Today's broadcast is **in memory of Dick Scholberg**. From Jo Scholberg & Family.*

**BAPTISM** *A warm welcome to **Ali Ruth Nordmeyer**, daughter of Adam & Madeline Nordmeyer, as we celebrate her baptism today.*

**THANK YOU** *A special note of thanks to our hospitality team today. Larry Gauper (reader); Corinne Zimmerman (greeter); Judy & Richard Reger (ushers); Curt & Sue Lindlaf (ushers); Jessica Larson (health screening).*