

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 19 A

August 9, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 A

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“Lord, save me.” One of the most ancient prayers is this cry of Peter in today’s Gospel. Lord, save me. How many times in frightening moments have we not shouted or murmured this simple prayer? Surely Joseph prayed this prayer as his brothers sold him into slavery out of jealousy. Yet both Peter and Joseph find this wonder: in our deepest need, God comes to us and draws us out of doubt into faith, and sets us on our road again.

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## Centering and Gathering

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Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.

PRELUDE: “Hear My Prayer, O Lord” Alexander Kopylov  
*Mount Olive Men’s Ensemble, sung at Mount Olive on the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 18 C, July 31, 2016.*

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 756, “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 19 A, August 10, 2014.*

## Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; reader – Paul Nixdorf, lector

<sup>1</sup> Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup> This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers went to pasture their father’s flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup> And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” <sup>14</sup> So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup> and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” <sup>16</sup> “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” <sup>17</sup> The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup> They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup> Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b      *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

*Recorded on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 by members of the Cantorei.*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call up-<sup>1</sup> on God’s name; \* make known the deeds of the LORD a-<sup>1</sup> mong the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the<sup>1</sup> LORD, sing praises, \* and speak of all God’s<sup>1</sup> marvelous works.

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God’s<sup>1</sup> holy name; \* let the hearts of those who seek the<sup>1</sup> LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>Search for the strength<sup>1</sup> of the LORD; \* continually<sup>1</sup> seek God’s face.

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels<sup>1</sup> God has done, \* the wonders and the judgments<sup>1</sup> of God’s mouth,

<sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abra-<sup>1</sup>ham, God’s servant, \* O children of Jacob, God’s<sup>1</sup> chosen ones.

<sup>16</sup>Then God called for a famine<sup>1</sup> in the land \* and destroyed the sup-<sup>1</sup>ply of bread.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD sent a<sup>1</sup> man before them, \* Joseph, who was sold<sup>1</sup> as a slave.

<sup>18</sup>They bruised his<sup>1</sup> feet in fetters; \* his neck they put in an<sup>1</sup> iron collar.

<sup>19</sup>Until his prediction<sup>1</sup> came to pass, \* the word of the LORD<sup>1</sup> tested him.

<sup>20</sup>The king sent<sup>1</sup> and released him; \* the ruler of the peoples<sup>1</sup> set him free,

<sup>21</sup>setting him as a master o-<sup>1</sup>ver his household, \* as a ruler over all<sup>1</sup> his possessions,

<sup>22</sup>to instruct his princes according<sup>1</sup> to his will \* and to teach his elders wisdom.<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15; reader – Gretchen Campbell-Johnson, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, "Alleluia"

*Sung before and after the Gospel reading.*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON

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Pr. Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN: ELW 763, "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

*Sung at Mount Olive during the Lent Procession liturgy, the afternoon of the First Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2019.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Gretchen Campbell-Johnson, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: **Hear our prayer.***

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

**Sending**

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LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

*The Lord's Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by D. Cherwien*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

*The benediction is on the video. Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 794, "Calm to the Waves"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 19 A, August 10, 2014.*

DISMISSAL *Someone may lead the dismissal for the others:*

🔊 Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. 🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

*Recorded on the Third Sunday in Lent, year C, March 3, 2013; Cantor Cherwien, organist.*



## **In Our Prayers**

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Ethel Jaarsma, mother of Connie Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Charlene Newhouse, aunt of Cynthia Prosek; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Miranda and Nathan Alvis, niece and nephew of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapoja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*
- Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.