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**May 28, 2017**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816



Sunday Worship.....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.  
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**Welcome, sisters and brothers, to Christian fellowship and to worship this day!  
Let us bless the Lord with our praise!**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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We human beings have been created for oneness with God the Holy Trinity and with all of life. Our sinful turning away has corrupted our nature and led us into overwhelming fear and shame. Yet, God in His mercy has given His Son to live and die and rise for us having done everything necessary to bring us back to our Father’s loving embrace. Now, where death once reigned, eternal life has broken in, and this is what that means: People come into a relationship with the only true God through faith in Jesus Christ, whom He has sent. To enter this relationship of love is to enter into oneness—no more separation—and life eternal begins now!

**P R E L U D E**

**W E L C O M E**

*Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

**R I N G I N G   O F   T H E   C A R I L L O N**

**Stand**

# GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

## INVOCATION

## EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 68:4-5)*

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

**lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts;**

His name is the LORD;

**exult before Him!**

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

**is God in His holy habitation.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

O God, who is One in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,  
**we confess that we are by nature servants of disunity and division. We  
have not lived in harmony with You, with other people, or with ourselves.  
Forgive our turning away and by Your grace, restore us to oneness for the  
sake of Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.**

Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by  
His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Green 157

**A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! And with his faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**To whom- shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia! Alleluia! "This the Savior!" Thus they say,  
"This is his glorious triumph day!" Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**"You see him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! "Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty." Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **A P O S T O L I C   G R E E T I N G**

## **P R A Y E R   O F   T H E   D A Y**

**Sit**

### **W O R D**

**We Hear God's Word.**

## **F I R S T   L E S S O N**

### **Acts 1:12-26**

Matthias is chosen as an apostle.

*Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of*

*Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**PSALM 68:1-10** (*antiphon, v. 32*)



Cantor: O kingdoms of the earth, | sing to God;\* sing praises | to the Lord.

Cantor: God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;\* and those who hate him shall  
flee be- | fore him!

Cantor: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive | them away;\* as wax melts  
before fire, so the wicked shall perish be- | fore God!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;\* they shall  
be jubilant | with joy!**

**Sing to God, sing praises | to his name;\* lift up a song to him who rides  
through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult be- | fore him!**

Cantor: Father of the fatherless and protector of | widows\* is God in his holy habi- |  
tation.



Cantor: God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,\* but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

**O God, when you went out before your people,\* when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai,\* before God, the God of Israel.**

Cantor: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;\* you restored your inheritance as it languished;

Cantor: your flock found a dwelling in it;\* in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

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

Cantor: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;\* sing praises to the Lord.

## SECOND LESSON

### **1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11**

God will sustain and restore those who suffer.

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?" Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the*

*world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Turn as the cross passes.*

Cantor begins, congregation joins in on “alleluias.”

Je - sus Christ is ris - en! A - le - lu - ia.

Je - sus Christ is ris - en! A - le - lu - ia.

Raised from the dead, our liv - ing Lord is seen;

Je - sus Christ is ris - en! A - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. (*John 14:18*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 17:1-11**

Jesus prays for His disciples.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!** (*shouted*)

*After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” (NRSV)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!** (*shouted*)

## **G O S P E L   A C C L A M A T I O N**

*Repeat from above.*

**Sit**

## **S E R M O N**

**Where’s Eternal Life? Look For Jesus**

**John 17:1-11**

## **E S S A Y   O F   F A I T H**

## **C O M M E N D A T I O N   O F   P A R E N T S   A N D   G O D P A R E N T S**

**Response: Yes, with the help of God and each other.**

## **R I T E   O F   C O N F I R M A T I O N**

Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the



Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Do you this day in the presence of God and of his congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**Yes, I do.**

Do you renounce the devil?

**Yes, I renounce him.**

Do you renounce all his works?

**Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all his ways?

**Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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.**

Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**I do.**

Do you confess the doctrine of the Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**I do.**

Do you intend to continue to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Robbie, Jr., the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**Amen.**

**Robbie Exton Moffett, Jr.**

Birth: December 21, 2001

Baptism: January 10, 2010

Parents: Robbie & Tamra Moffett, Sr.

Godparent: Mount Olive Lutheran Church congregation

Bible Passage: Ephesians 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (ESV)*

**Stand**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

. . . with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."*

**Sit**

## MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

### GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.*

### MUSIC AT OFFERING

Borning Cry  
*setting by Sherri Hansen*

Choir

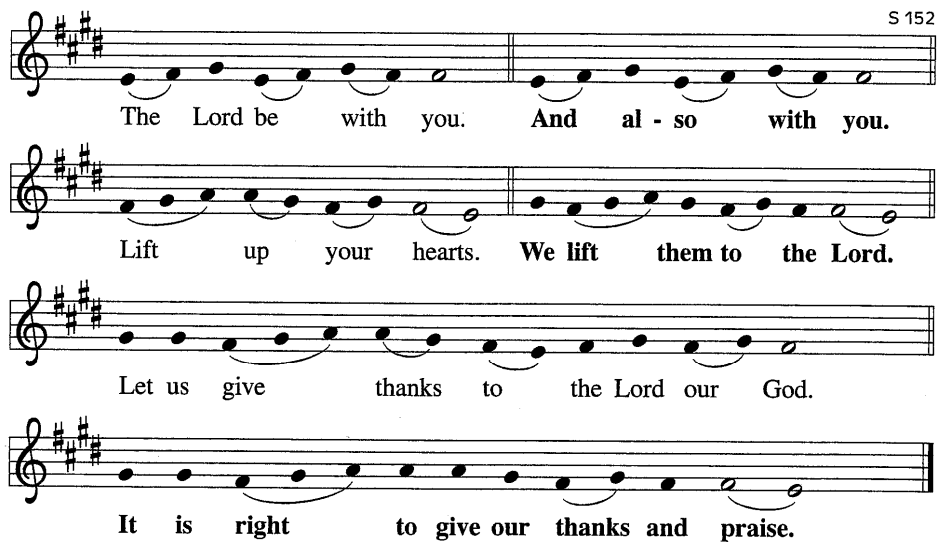
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.  
When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.  
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.  
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold!

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,  
**O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## P R E F A C E

S 152



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

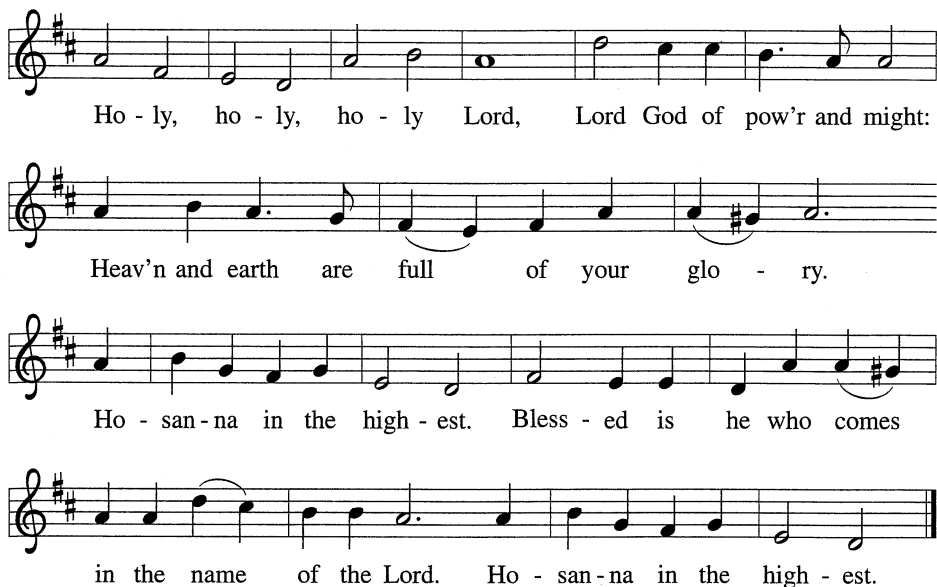
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

## S A N C T U S



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

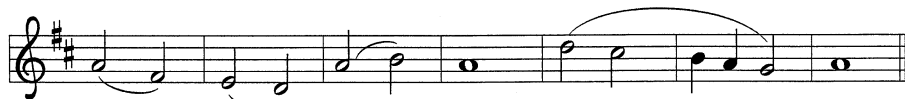
## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

## INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Amen.**

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

*If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on'. The second staff continues: 'us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have'. The third staff continues: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the'. The fourth staff concludes: 'sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music ends with a double bar line.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Tune: Bachofen

**God's own child, I gladly say it; I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this life-long comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

Bind Us Together  
*stanzas—cantor*

Blue 748

Christ Is The King!

Green 386

Stand

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CLOSING HYMN

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Blue 801

**Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

*Left: Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.*

***Right: Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.***

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**N E X T S U N D A Y** – The Day of Pentecost (Year A): Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15;  
Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

**\*\*\* ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY \*\*\***

**ACOLYTE**----- Kailyn Townsend  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTOR** ----- Dan Schreiber  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Robbie Moffett, Jr., Robbie & Tamra Moffett, Sr.  
**LECTOR**----- Mark Sorensen





**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES** — William Kowalik, Logan-Magnolia High School, Griffin Petersen, Omaha North High School, Dan Schreiber, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Dalton Willmore, Metropolitan Community College.

**VBS** — This year the dates for VBS are July 17-21. Needed are clean plastic gallon size milk jugs. Please rinse milk jugs thoroughly and allow to air-dry before bringing and placing in the cupboard on the south wall of the preschool room. Toy castles are also being collected. Please leave them on the Sunday School desk.

**MARTIN LUTHER** — “If I cling to Christ in true faith and remain in Him, it is impossible for sin and death to accuse and condemn me; for Christ has conquered them. This, however, is accomplished, not by our strength but by faith in Him. In this way, like pious lambs, remain resting in the arms of Christ, the faithful Shepherd. Therefore whoever is a Christian and takes hold of Christ by faith is not terrified by the devil; nor is he cowed by sin and death.” *LW 22:356*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — In June, LCEF will be hosting its *Picnic in the Park* at Mahoney State Park in the Wild Turkey Shelter on Sunday, June 11, from noon to 2pm. Come for food and fellowship. LCEF will cover the park entrance fee. Check in at the park entrance and mention you are attending “LCEF Picnic in the Park.” RSVP by June 5 online at [www.ndlcms.org/lcef](http://www.ndlcms.org/lcef) or call Joyce at 888-643-2961, ext. 1011, or email Joyce at [joyceb@ndlcms.org](mailto:joyceb@ndlcms.org).

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY OF NEBRASKA** — This small cabinet with non-perishable food items, paper goods, and other items sits outside of Mount Olive. It is accessible 24 hours per day to anyone who might be struggling to meet their everyday food needs. The pantry will be stocked by donations from all of us but can also be stocked by a concerned neighbor. There aren’t any applications to fill out or set hours of operation. Demand outpaces supply, so these pantries are often empty. Since the pantry has an irregular supply, traffic is manageable and loitering is minimized. Initially, we would like to collect an initial stock and then have an ongoing collection to replenish the stock. Please, no glass jars or expired food. These are needed items; applesauce, baby food, baked beans, bean soup, beef stew, bran cereals, bread, bread and muffin mixes, canned and dried beans, canned chili, canned chicken, canned fruit, canned tomato products, canned tuna or salmon, canned vegetables, cold and hot cereals, dried fruit, dry noodles and pasta, evaporated milk, flour, fruit juice, graham crackers, granola bars, honey, infant cereal, infant formula, instant breakfast drinks, jelly and jam, macaroni and cheese, mayonnaise, noodle mixes, oatmeal, pancake mix, peanut butter, popcorn, powdered milk, rice and rice mixes, salad dressings, shelf-stable milk, sugar, syrup, whole grain crackers, vegetable oil, vegetable soup, and vegetable juice.

**Praying for Our Parish in 2017**

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

May 29

Wesley Padron

June 1

Taylynn Kinney

June 1

Frank Tierney

June 1

Kelly Wegner

June 1

Jody Wells-Padron