



November 19, 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 28)

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

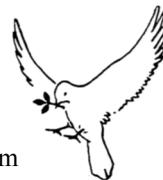


Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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Children of light, we live in trust and joy, for God has destined us not for wrath but for salvation. Welcome! *(based on 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 9)*

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

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Organist



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The darkening days of the world are a time for God's people to be looking toward the light—the light of Christ. Through our worship, we call out to our gracious God to brighten our lives as only He can. With the psalmist we call out, “Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days” (*Psalm 90:14*). God promises to satisfy us not only for our earthly lives but eternally as well. Looking toward that time of great surprise with confidence and hope, we say with the psalmist, “Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us” (*Psalm 90:17a*), and we respond to that favor with our heartfelt praise.

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

M E S S A G E O F G O D L Y M A N A G E M E N T

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Revelation 19:1-2, 5-7*)

Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, small and great.
For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.
Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for His judgments are true and just.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As children of the light and well beloved by our gracious God, let us come with confidence before the throne of grace to confess our sins and to receive absolution.

Almighty God, whose compassion never fails, we come before You in penitence. We know that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Grant us Your mercy, and spare us from the just punishment of our sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us on the cross. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in the light of Your love, now and forever.

God has promised to grant His forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and turn to Him for mercy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our God keep you in His grace, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Lord of Light

Green 405

**Lord of light, your name outshining All the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom As the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose In the gift of Christ your Son:
Father, as in highest heaven, So on earth your will be done.**

**By the toil of faithful workers In some far outlying field,
By the courage where the radiance Of the cross is still revealed,
By the victories of meekness, Through reproach and suffering won:
Father, as in highest heaven, So on earth your will be done.**

**Grant that knowledge, still increasing, At your feet may lowly kneel;
With your grace our triumphs hallow, With your charity our zeal;
Lift the nations from the shadows To the gladness of the sun:
Father, as in highest heaven, So on earth your will be done.**

**By the prayers of faithful watchers, Never silent day or night;
By the cross of Jesus, bringing Peace to all and healing light;
By the love that passes knowledge, Making all your children one:
Father, as in highest heaven, So on earth your will be done.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Sin without repentance will lead to destruction.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who dress themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish all who leap over the threshold, who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. On that day, says the Lord, a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. The inhabitants of the Mortar wail, for all the traders have perished; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 90:1-12 (*antiphon v. 17*)



Cantor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands up- | on us;* yes, establish the work | of our hands!

Cantor: Lord, you have been our | dwelling place* in all gener- | ations.



Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,* from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Cantor: You return | man to dust* and say, “Return, O chil- | dren of man!”

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when | it is past,* or as a watch | in the night.

Cantor: You sweep them away as | with a flood;* they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:

in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;* in the evening it fades and | withers.

Cantor: For we are brought to an end by your | anger;* by your wrath we | are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,* our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

Cantor: For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;* we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength | eighty;* yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we | fly away.

Cantor: Who considers the power of your | anger,* and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

So teach us to number | our days* that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

As it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Cantor: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands up- | on us;* yes, establish the work | of our hands!

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be alert for the day of the Lord.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you

are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.



Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;* those who abide in me | bear much fruit.

(John 15:4, 5)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 25:14-30

The parable of the talents.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Eschatology

Matthew 25:14-30

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Green 321

**The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all his power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And hungry flames shall ravage earth,
As Scripture long has warned us.**

**The final trumpet then shall sound, And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at his commanding.**

**May Christ our intercessor be And, through his blood and merit,
Read from his book that we are free With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see him face to face, With all his saints in that blest place
Which he has purchased for us.**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
Oh, hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**. . . Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
. . . 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

Creator of the Stars of Night
setting by Allan Mahnke

Choir

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting Light;
O Christ, Redeemer, save us all And hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,
Hast found the healing, full of grace, To cure and save our ruined race.

At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things celestial Thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

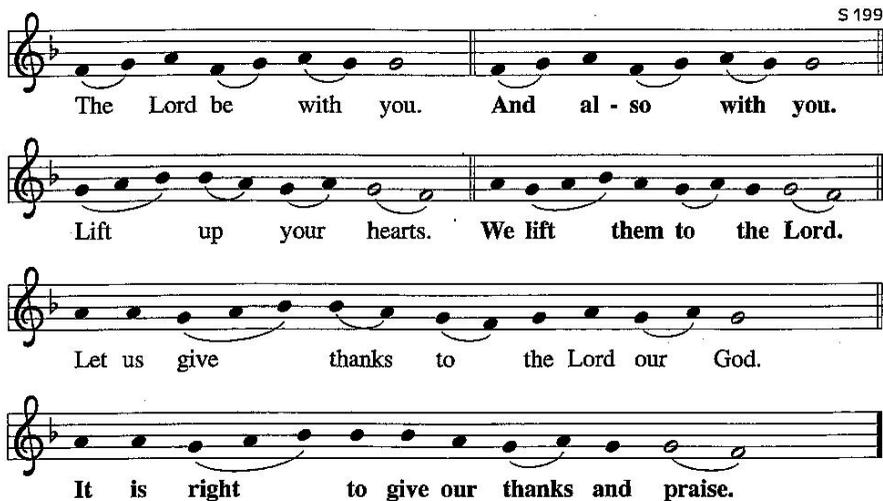
To God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P R E F A C E

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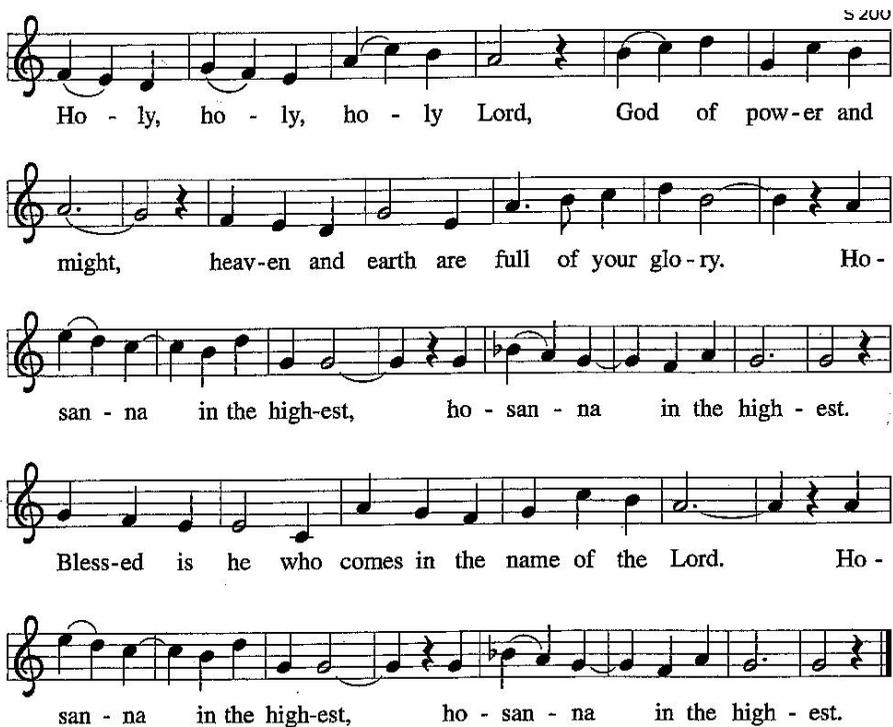


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

S A N C T U S

S 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.



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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.
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

Four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: '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'. A small number 'S 201' is written above the first staff.



Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Blue 754

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound! (*repeat refrain*)**

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.**
Refrain

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!**
Refrain

Light Dawns on a Weary World

see insert

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Blue 649

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

**Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the
Father.**
Refrain

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.**
Refrain

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Green 424

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you;
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay,
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you:
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – Christ the King (Year A): Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a;
1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

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

ACOLYTE----- Austin Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Joan Johnson, Bonnie White
LECTOR----- Mark Sorensen

***** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

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| Worship Attendance..... | 100 | Bible Class | 39 |
| Communion..... | 75 | Offering | 3231 |
| Sunday School | 17 | Needed Weekly | 4905 |
| Staff..... | 5 | Specials | 50 |

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

***** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

TODAY - **WORSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY** ----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

MONDAY - **CONFIRMATION CLASS CONFERENCES**

WEDNESDAY - **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS**
CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY - **THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP**----- 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY - **WORSHIP** ----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
SS CHRISTMAS SERVICE REHEARSAL ---- 10:30 A.M.
DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS---- 11:30 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 2:00 P.M.

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ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank continues with the video-based Bible study - *A Man Named Martin Part 3: The Movement*. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

DEATH — Our sister in Christ, Laura Hogan, died Monday, November 13. A funeral of Christian burial was held here yesterday. “And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.’ “Yes,” says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” (*Rev. 14:13*)

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY — Please pray that our members will make generous commitments of their time, talents, and resources for the expansion of God’s kingdom.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP — Thursday, November 23, 10:00 A.M. Bring along those for whom you are thankful.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY — This Thanksgiving, remember this food pantry ministry outside of our doors and bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

ANNUAL DIRECTORY — Annual phone directories are available this morning in the narthex. If you would also like one in electronic form, contact the church office.

SS CHILDREN’S SERVICE REHEARSALS TO BEGIN — Rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Service begin next Sunday, November 26th, at 10:30 A.M. and continue every Sunday through December 17th. “The Greatest Gift of All” is December 17, at 4:00 P.M. Parents, please make every effort to have your children at every practice to learn songs, practice speaking parts, and prepare for the program. All Mount Olive Sunday School children are encouraged to participate in this Christmas tradition!

DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS — Join the Mount Olive Youth Group in decorating our church for Christmas next Sunday, November 26, at 11:30 A.M., after the Christian Education Hour.

COOKIE SWAP — Mount Olive is hosting a **Cookie Swap** on Sunday, December 10, at 11:30 A.M. To participate, bring three to four dozen cookies, bars, snacks or candies. Be sure to bring a container to take home your Christmas goodies (plan for around three dozen). If you would like to share your recipe, bring it and we will make copies as needed. We will set up in the old preschool area (room next to Luther Hall) and the swap will take place following the Adult Bible Class Hour/Sunday School Class. Bring an old family favorite or try something new. Each participant will have plenty of delicious treats to serve family and friends during the holidays! Questions? Call **Anne Wegner** at (402) 980-6953.

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.

November 22
William Kowalik

November 23
Melissa Lorang