



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 06, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song” (Psalm 98:4, ESV). Welcome, as we join Creation in worshipping God!

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Pastor

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Organist



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The Father has loved the Son, and the Son has loved all people, making a home for us with Him in the Father's love. Dwelling in the Father's love by faith in Jesus, we keep His commandments. As we come to realize that we are loved by God, we discover that keeping His commandments is not burdensome, but a joy. Jesus' word of promise fills us with joy. He has chosen us to be His fruit-bearing friends who love people the way He does. Alleluia!

P R E L U D E

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.

I N V O C A T I O N

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 98:1-3*)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God, who overcomes violence by Your love:

We confess that we are born immersed in the corruption of this world. As we grow and develop, we cannot help but be willingly infected by this world's greed, lust, and pride. Violence is all around us and within us, and it threatens to overwhelm us. We ask You to heal us for Jesus' sake with Your love and forgiveness.

God hears your confession and speaks to each of you His healing Word of forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Green 144

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:**

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew his way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Refrain**

**Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Refrain**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord,
The life laid down, the life restored: Refrain**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

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

Congregation

Cantor

... let us
pray to the Lord:

Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)

Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Lord, have mercy.

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

Congregation (*same as above*)

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.

Congregation (*same as above*)

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

Congregation (*same as above*)

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

Congregation (*same as above*)

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is The Feast

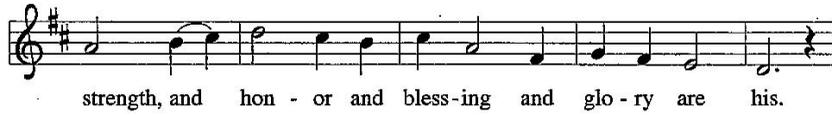
Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Allegretto

1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



Refrain.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-48

Peter preaches and the Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 98

Sing Ye

Choir

setting by Richard Wienhorst

Sing ye unto the Lord. Sing ye a new song. Alleluia.

For He hath done marvelous things.

The Lord hath made known His salvation. Alleluia.

Sing ye unto the Lord. Alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-8

The victory of faith.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. *(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.”

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The first system shows the vocal line starting with a quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes for "le", "lu", and "ia", then a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes for "al", "le", and "ia", ending with a quarter note on G4. The bass line starts with a quarter note on G2, followed by eighth notes for "le", "lu", and "ia", then a quarter rest, followed by eighth notes for "al", "le", and "ia", ending with a quarter note on G2. The second system is identical to the first.

Cantor: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. *(John 14:23)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

H O L Y G O S P E L

John 15:9-17

Jesus is our Friend, who commands us to love one another.

The Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” (*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

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (*twice*)

Sit

S E R M O N

The Command That Is Not A Command

John 15:9-17

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Green 299

**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost him!**

**God said to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown, And bring to all salvation;
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever."**

**The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised he bore, A servant's form, like mine, he wore
To lead the devil captive.**

**To me he said: "Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle;
For I am yours, and you are mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us."**

**"Though he will shed my precious blood, Of life me thus bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin;
And you are blest forever."**

**"Now to my Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble he will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you."**

**What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

M E A L

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Oh, Love, How Deep
setting by Aaron David Miller

Piano

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortal's sake!

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.

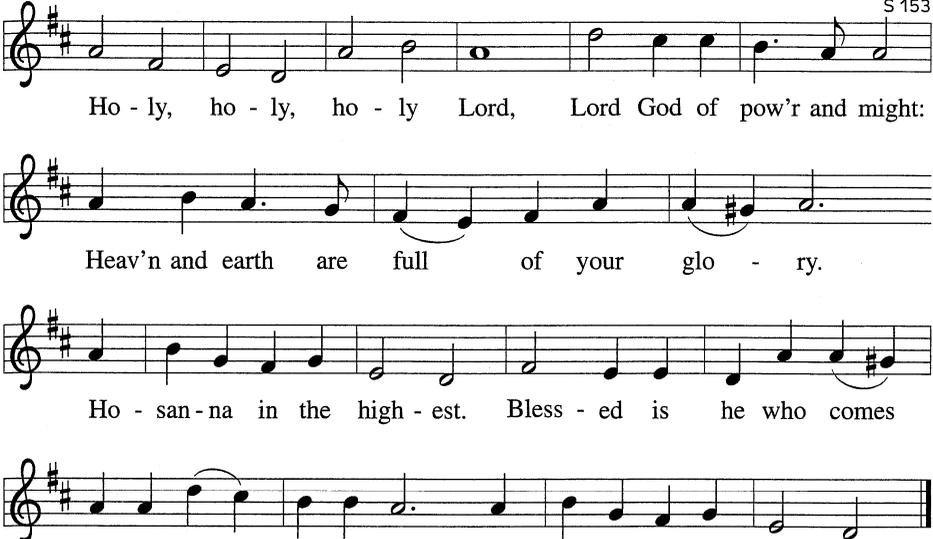
PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS

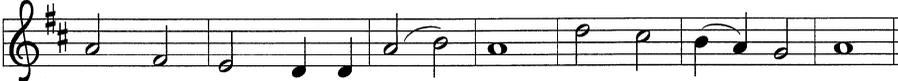
S 153



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.

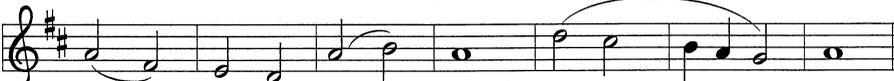
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God . . . 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....

Sit

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Amen.

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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Green 439

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, Still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.

When I Behold Jesus Christ
stanzas—cantor, refrain—congregation



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

Cantor: Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

**Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

EASTER GREETING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Voices Raised to You



1. Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them,
 2. All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and
 3. Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, touch - ing
 4. Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle
 5. How can an - y praise we of - fer meas - ure



God, for songs of praise. Hearts and hands we
 sky your works dis - play. Art and mu - sic,
 earth with heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing,
 faith with - in each heart. Lift our voic - es
 all the thanks we owe? Take our hearts and



bring in trib - ute for your gifts through
 gifts you lend us, we re - turn to
 suf - f'ring, dy - ing, for your ris - ing,
 high in cho - rus; through our hands your
 hands and voic - es— gifts of love we



all our days. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
 Tri - une God, to you we sing!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Isabella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER-----Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Victor Padron & Jody Wells-Padron
LECTOR----- Dixie Gerhart

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	108	Bible Class	34
Communion	79	Offering.....	2740
Sunday School	19	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	6	Specials	133

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.
TUESDAY - MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB ----- 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY CLUB ----- 11:30 A.M.
 CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
 THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
 SATURDAY - FLORENCE DAYS PARADE ----- 1:00 P.M.
 SUNDAY WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 MOTHER’S DAY
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS – During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will lead us in a study of Isaiah 40. Today we focus on verse five. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES — Today, we remember Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). A door offering will be gathered to support the work God is doing through LHM. Most of you know LHM through its Sunday morning radio broadcasts of *The Lutheran Hour* on KFAB. However, LHM is much more than that. LHM broadcasts the Gospel in over 30 countries on five continents. It also reaches out through Bible studies and outreach activities in most of those countries. Mount Olive has directly benefited from LHM’s work. It has provided an estimated \$2,400 in subsidies for evangelism workshops we’ve hosted, it publishes the resource booklets in the north entryway of our church, and it allows us to make available LHM apps and booklet downloads on our website.

VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY CLUB — The monthly *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 9. We are eating at Jack & Mary’s at 655 N. 114 St. It has been offering Omaha’s comfort food favorites since 1975. Let’s meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and carpool. Please RSVP to **Barb Stacy** at 402-453-7049 or **Bonnie White** at 402-676-7334.

NEWLY PAINTED — The entry area and lobby by the north door were recently painted. Please speak to Jill Clausen before taping or attaching anything to the walls.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE — Mount Olive is hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, May 19th, starting at 7:30 A.M. and ending at 12:30 P.M. Please contact Bonnie White at 402-496-7682 or bjhjwhite@cox.net for an appointment.

FLORENCE DAYS PARADE – Walkers and riders are needed! If you are willing to represent Mount Olive, please talk to Sarah Jank about volunteering. The theme this year is “building a strong community”, so it would be wonderful to have lots of representatives. We are partnering again with St. John to build our float. The parade takes place on Saturday, May 12, and begins at 1:00 p.m. so come out and cheer us on, too.

Praying for Our Parish in 2018

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

May 10
Alex Johnson

May 10
Mary Seefus