



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by
mothering and comforting others. Happy Mother's Day!**

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



May 13, 2018

On this final Sunday of the Easter season, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning to become a witness of Jesus' resurrection. In the Second Lesson, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life" (*1 John 5:12*). In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word may be one and that His joy may be fulfilled in us. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world.

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

G A T H E R I N G
We Enter God's Presence.

I N V O C A T I O N

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 1:1-3, 6*)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and
night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its
season, and its leaf does not wither.**

In all that he does, he prospers. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 John 5:12*)

God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son:

**We admit that we have turned from You. We have been led astray by our
listening to the many voices spouting fake news in our world. Tune our
hearts to Your voice speaking Good News about Jesus in Your Word.
Forgive us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.**

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does
not have life.” 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue 747

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

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

Congregation

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a few notes and rests, ending with a double bar line. The middle staff is for the Congregation, also with a treble clef and one sharp. It contains the melody for the lyrics "Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)". The bottom staff is for the bass line, with a bass clef and one sharp. It contains a harmonic accompaniment for the Congregation part. Above the middle staff, the text "... let us pray to the Lord:" is written. Below the middle staff, the lyrics "Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)" are written.

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.

All



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 1:12-26

Matthias is chosen to be numbered with the apostles.

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 1 (antiphon v. 6)



Cantor: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Cantor: Blesséd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,* nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers; but his delight is in the law | of the Lord,* and on his law he meditates | day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.* In all that he does, he | prospers.

The wicked | are not so,* but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

Cantor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,* nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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: For the Lord knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-15

God's perfect love for us drives out all fear.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him. (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.”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.* I am com- | ing to you.

(John 14:18)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:11b-19

Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.

The Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them

your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. *(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

An Island Of Truth In A Sea Of Lies

John 17:11b-19

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Green 364

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.**

N I C E N E C R E E D

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.

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . ever one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

Amen.

S H A R I N G O F T H E P E A C E

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Piano

setting by Heinz Werner Zimmerman

Have no fear, little flock, have no far, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom. Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock, have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in His love forever. Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above, praise the Lord high above, for He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you. Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God, thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you. Thankful hearts raise to God!

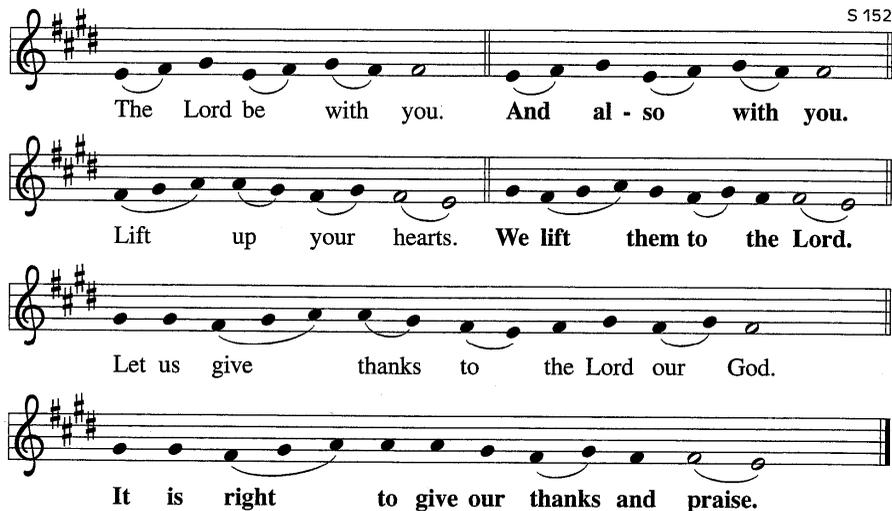
OFFERING PRAYER

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

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

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

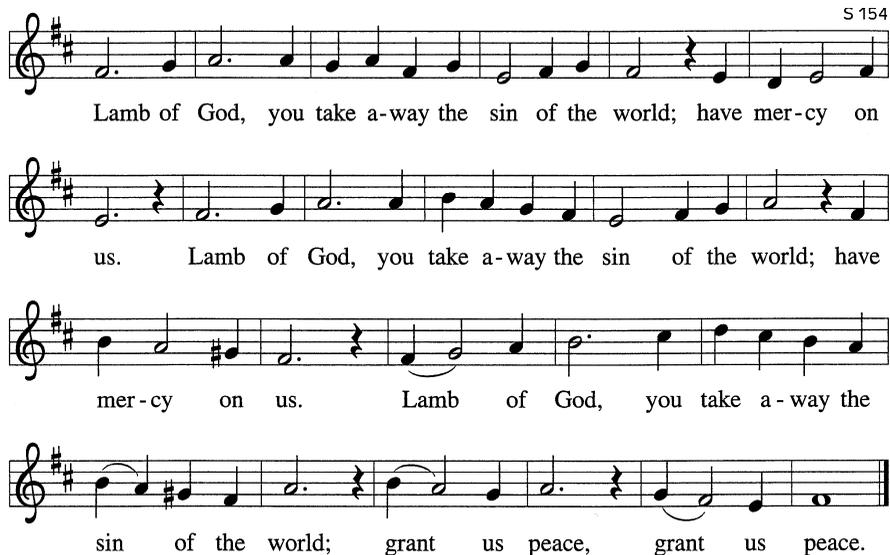
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

S A N C T U S

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.

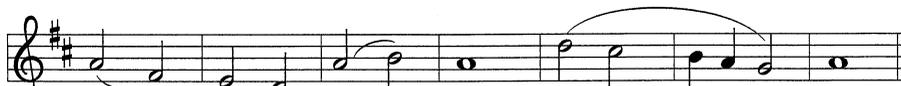
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third and fourth staves also have a fermata over the final note. The score is marked 'S 153' in the upper right corner.

The Church's One Foundation
st. 3—cantor

Green 369

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word,
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.**

Cantor: Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

**Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
 O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
 That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.**

I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Green 158

st. 3—cantor

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
 Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
 "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
 Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
 Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er,
 Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

Cantor: Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

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

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.**

***Right: 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.***

***Left: 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 B): Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 139:1-12; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Aryanna Hogue
ASSISTING MINISTER-----Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR -----Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Jill Clausen, Jerry Zulfer
LECTOR----- Dixie Gerhart

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	112	Bible Class	32
Communion.....	83	Offering	9022
Sunday School	21	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	4	Specials	133

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

TUESDAY - MOUNT OLIVE POLLING PLACE --- 8:00 —8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.
CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

SATURDAY - BLOOD DRIVE----- 7:30 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.M.
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY FOR PENTECOST
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 six. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

MOTHER’S DAY — “Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” (*Proverbs 31:28-29*)

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.

NEXT SUNDAY — Wear red for the Day of Pentecost.

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION — Please join the Townsend and Wegner families for a light lunch to celebrate the Confirmation Day of Kailyn Townsend and Isabella (Bella) Wegner, on Sunday May 27th, in Luther Hall, immediately following the Sunday School/Adult Bible Study hour.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE — Mount Olive is hosting a Blood Drive this 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.

VBS STAFF TRAINING — Staff training will be held Sunday, June 24th, at 11:30 A.M. VBS will be the week of July 16 and *Shipwrecked* is the theme. Look forward to Tropical Treats, Castaway Music and Bible stories that tell how Jesus rescues us. Several positions will need to be filled, so please prayerfully consider when asked to help. Remember to invite your family, friends, neighbors, playmates, and classmates to join us in this annual neighborhood outreach. —Jody Wells-Padron

LUNCH CLUB – The monthly next *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon will be Wednesday, June 13. We are eating at Le Peep, 2012 North 117 Avenue. It is a brunch/lunch place. Let's meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 A.M. and car pool. Please rsvp to Barb Stacy 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White 402-676-7334.

PASCHAL CANDLE – The Paschal candle burns near the altar through the Day of Pentecost and then it is placed near the baptismal font and lit for baptisms. For funerals it stands at the head of the casket. The paschal candle represents the risen Christ shining in the splendor of the resurrection. The five wax nails represent Christ's five wounds.

NEW ADDRESS — Emily Standley has been moved to a work release program in Lincoln, NE. Her new address is; Emily Standley, Inmate #99497, Community Corrections Center, P.O. Box 22200, Lincoln, NE, 68542.

OUR MISSIONARIES — We invite your continued prayerful and financial support of our missionaries abroad: Julie Lutz and family in Hong Kong (medical missionary), and Rev. David and Mrs. Barbara Bush in Macau/Hong Kong. Note their letters on the north hall bulletin board.

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 13
Albert Hogue

May 13
Aryanna Hogue

May 13
Austin Wegner

May 17
Grant Wegner

May 17
Isabella Wegner