



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 20, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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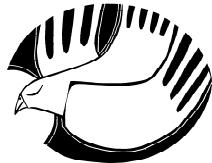


Welcome to our celebration of Pentecost!

We remember the power of the Holy Spirit revealed like wind and flame, and trust in
the Spirit's ongoing work in the church and world.

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Pastor

Rachel Misolek
Organist



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In the Nicene Creed we confess, “And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.” This Third Person of the Trinity whom we celebrate today “proceeds from the Father and the Son.” With the Father and the Son He is both worshiped and glorified. This is God who has spoken by His prophets as today through Ezekiel He declares, “You shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live” (*Ezekiel 37:13–14*).

This He has done in the hearts of everyone who has heard His saving Word, from Adam and Eve to you. To emphasize the universality of God’s desire, today we recall that post-resurrection Day of Pentecost, when no barriers of language could hinder God’s work.

Jesus tells us that this Spirit He sends is from the Father. The Spirit comes to witness about Jesus and His work of salvation for all. That witness consists of both the truth about sin and about the Savior, Law and Gospel, to bring us to repentance and enliven our faith repeatedly, day by day as we live in His presence and the grace of God.

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 and face the back.

G A T H E R I N G

We Enter God's Presence.

I N V O C A T I O N

O P E N I N G S E N T E N C E S (*Psalm 139:12-14*)

O God, even the darkness is not dark to You;
the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.
For You formed my inward parts;
You knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise You,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C O N F E S S I O N A N D A B S O L U T I O N (*John 3:8*)

Beloved in Christ, God sends His Holy Spirit as He promised to work true contrition and sorrow over our sins and the gift of the repentance of faith in His forgiveness. In this truth we make our confession together.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. By the power of Your Word, we confess our sin and need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. For the sake of the mighty work of our Lord Jesus, His death and resurrection for us and the whole world, grant to us Your forgiveness and new life.

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Receive the Holy Spirit. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Day Full of Grace
Turn as the cross passes.

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**O day full of grace that now we see Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime, Great job for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, All darkness and shame removing.**

**For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, When he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone, That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise Our voices in endless singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost, All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface And bring to us all his healing.**

**When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place, With angels his name adoring.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

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

Congregation

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, starting with a single note followed by a fermata. The middle staff is for the Congregation, showing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff is for the Organ, featuring sustained bass notes. The lyrics "Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e-le - i - son. (hum)" are written below the middle staff, corresponding to the congregation's part. The notation is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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*)

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Life to dry bones.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them,

and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.” (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 1 3 9 : 1 - 1 6 (*antiphon v. 17*)



Cantor: How precious to me are your thoughts, | O God!* How vast is the | sum of them!

Cantor: O Lord, you have searched me and | known me!* You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.

Cantor: You search out my path and my | lying down* and are acquainted with | all my ways.

Even before a word is | on my tongue;* behold, O Lord, you know it alto- | gether.

You hem me in, behind | and before,* and lay your hand up- | on me.

Cantor: Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;* it is high; I cannot | attain it.

Where shall I go from your | Spirit?* Or where shall I flee from your | presence?

If I ascend to heaven, | you are there!* If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there.

Cantor: If I take the wings of the | morning* and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

Cantor: even there your hand shall | lead me,* and your right hand shall | hold me.

If I say, “Surely the darkness shall | cover me,* and the light about me | be night,”

even the darkness is not | dark to you;* the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as | light with you.

Cantor: For you formed my | inward parts;* you knitted me together in my | mother's womb.

Cantor: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder- | fully made.* Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it | very well.

**My frame was not hid- | den from you,* when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths | of the earth.**

**Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every |
one of them,* the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were |
none of them.**

**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: How precious to me are your thoughts, | O God!* How vast is the | sum of them!

S E C O N D L E S S O N

Acts 2:1-21

The spirit of Jesus descends on His church.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my

Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”” (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

Turn as the cross passes.

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation: Refrain

Musical notation for the Alleluia refrain, consisting of two staves of music in common time (4/4) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, featuring eighth-note patterns and quarter notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" are repeated three times on each staff.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir: Holy Spirit, dwell within us now and evermore.

Congregation: Refrain

H O L Y G O S P E L

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth.

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

Glory to you, O Lord! (shouted)

[Jesus said:] “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” (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! (twice)

Sit

S E R M O N

The Ugly Truth, The Beautiful Truth

John 15, 16

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, with all your
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, now cause the
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the



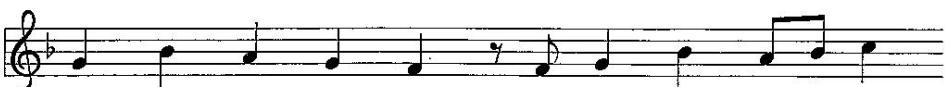
grac - es now out - poured on each be - liev - er's
word of life to shine. Teach us to know our
will your work to do and in your ser - vice



mind and heart; your fer - vent love to them im - part.
God a - right as lov - ing Fa - ther, our de - light.
to a - bide; let tri - als turn us not a - side.



Lord, by the bright - ness of your light in ho - ly
From ev - 'ry er - ror keep us free; let none but
Lord, by your pow'r pre - pare each heart and to our



faith your church u - nite; from ev - 'ry land and
Christ our teach - er be, that we in liv - ing
weak - ness strength im - part, that brave - ly here we



ev - 'ry tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
faith a - bide, in him, our Lord, with all our might con - fide.
may con - tend, through life and death to you, our Lord, as - cend.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

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

... Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

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

The Day of Pentecost
setting by Hal H. Hopson

Choir

*Veni Creator Spiritus, mentes tuorum visita;
Imple superna gratia quae tu creasti pectora. (Latin text)
Creator Spirit, heav'ly dove, descend upon us from above;
With graces manifold restore your creatures as they were before.
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Alleluia!*

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
All the disciples were gathered there; an awe and wonder filled the air.
A wind from heaven came rushing down; the Spirit moved on all those around.
The Spirit still moves, it moves in my heart. Alleluia!

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
The people gathered all spoke as one, the Spirit's power now had begun.
This is the story that Luke once told; the Spirit's power they did behold.
The Spirit still moves, it moves in my heart. Alleluia!

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



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The Lord be with you. And also 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 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.

E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

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.



L O R D ' S P R A Y E R (*join hands*)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Sit

I N V I T A T I O N

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Amen.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

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.

D I S T R I B U T I O N M U S I C

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.

Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce - les - tial,
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,

Ev - er one with the One who is Three,
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,
Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,
Source of strength and of peace and of love,

From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim,
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py
Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need

Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.

You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;
All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,
Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,
Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;

Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.
All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,
Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;
Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;

Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,
So that all the e - lect All in Christ - may ex - pect
For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one
On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;

In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.
In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.
By Your chrism, Christ's tri - umph we share.

Spirit of Gentleness

cantor on verses, congregation on refrain

Refrain

... Split it, split it off gentleness, blow through the wilderness;
... half and arise. Split it, split it off restlessness,
... stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Cantor: You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” Refrain

Cantor: You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
And when they were blinded with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain

Cantor: You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain

Cantor: You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

O Spirit of Life
st. 1—cantor

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Cantor: O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, in ev'ry need you bring us aid,
Proceeding forth from God's great throne, from God, the Father and the Son;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, increase our faith in our dear Lord;
Unless your grace the power should give, none can believe in Christ and live;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, make us to love your sacred Word;
The holy flame of love impart, that charity may warm each heart;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God, enlighten us by that same Word;
Teach us to know God's radiant love, lead us to Christ who reigns above;
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.

Stand

C O M M U N I O N B L E S S I N G

P O S T - C O M M U N I O N P R A Y E R

S E Π D I Π G

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

B E N E D I C T I O N

E A S T E R G R E E T I N G

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

CLOSING HYMN

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
Turn as cross passes.

Green 523

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship For your gifts and fruits unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

DISMISAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – The Holy Trinity (Year B): Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Acts 2:14a, 22-36;
John 3:1-17

* * * ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY * * *

ACOLYTE	-----	Aryanna Hogue
ASSISTING MINISTER	-----	Galen Behr
CANTOR	-----	Dan Schreiber
EUCARISTIC GIFTS	-----	Mike and Connie Townsend
LECTOR	-----	Dixie Gerhart

* * * LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE * * *

Worship Attendance.....	99	Bible Class	24
Communion	72	Offering.....	3073
Sunday School	18	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	4	Specials	97

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 0

* * * THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE * * *

TODAY	-	PENTECOST	
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING	
		MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	
		VOTERS' ASSEMBLY -----	11:30 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	FINAL CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY		CONFIRMATION DAY -----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	1:30 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 seven. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

WEAR RED — We are wearing red this morning to celebrate the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out in full measure on Jesus' first disciples. Red is the color that represents the Holy Spirit.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY — Today after the Education Hour is our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation.

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.

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.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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.

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE — For those who need to avoid alcohol and yet want to commune with their fellow Mount Olive brothers and sisters, the very center glass in each communion tray now has non-alcoholic wine in it for your reception. We encourage its use. Please speak with Pastor Jank if you have questions.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION — Charly Peterson from Omaha Central High School. Congrats!

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 20
Lorraine Irwin

May 21
Nancy Stierle

May 23
Josh Fitzgarrald

May 24
Lorna Kinney
Kathy Mansfield
Helen Norris

May 26
Jennifer Williams