



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 10)

July 15, 2018

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**As “David and all the house of Israel [danced] before the LORD” in 2 Samuel 6,
may our spirits rejoice and praise God together in worship.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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When Amos speaks God’s Word to Israel, they do not want to hear it. Amos is told to prophesy elsewhere. John the Baptist’s message of repentance landed him in Herod’s prison and, eventually, in the grave. Speaking God’s Word is not always easy. It often meets resistance and sometimes even violence. As you gather with fellow hearers of God’s Word, consider how you have been resistant to God’s Word. Which portions have you chosen to skip over? Consider how you might better hear and speak God’s Word this week.

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Hear what God the Lord will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints.
Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.
Righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Yes, the Lord will give what is good.
Righteousness will go before Him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Yes, the Lord gives what is good. He sends His Word to every nation. But we have not always desired to hear His Word. We have not always done what His Word says. We have not always spoken His Word faithfully to others. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Heavenly Father,
we confess that we have ignored Your Word. We confess that at times we have shamefully treated those who speak Your Word. We confess that we have desired our own way and not Your way. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!

In love, God chose us for adoption as His heirs through Jesus Christ. We have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Green 459

**O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine, Your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance Life from heaven Now is given O'erflowing,
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.**

Left to ourselves, we surely stray; Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
 With wisest counsel guide us; And give us steadfastness, that we
 May follow you forever free, No matter who derides us.
 Gently heal those Hearts now broken; Give some token You are near us,
 Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let your good Word in doubt and strife
 Be in us strongly burning, That we be faithful unto death
 And live in love and holy faith, From you true wisdom learning.
 Lord, your mercy On us shower; By your power Christ confessing,
 We will cherish all your blessing.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

Amos is to proclaim judgment to Israel.

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'" (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 85:8-13 (antiphon v. 7)



Cantor: Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,* and grant us your sal- | vation.

Cantor: Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,* for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,* that glory may dwell | in our land.

Cantor: Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;* righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,* and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

Cantor: Yes, the Lord will give | what is good,* and our land will yield its | increase.

Righteousness will go be- | fore him* and make his foot- | steps away.

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: Show us your steadfast love, | O Lord,* and grant us your sal- | vation.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Chosen in Christ to live to the praise of God's glory.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him

you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. (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! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

The death of John the Baptist.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

King Herod heard of [the disciples preaching], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Not Good Enough, But Special

Ephesians 1:3-14

Stand

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

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Green 495

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy The heav'n-ly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Wher-e'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might!**

A P O S T L E S ' C R E E D

**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.**

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

. . . let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

. . . trusting in Your promise to hear us.

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 money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Just a Closer Walk

Cantor

arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk closer to thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
So, when my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore.

Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P R E F A C E

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

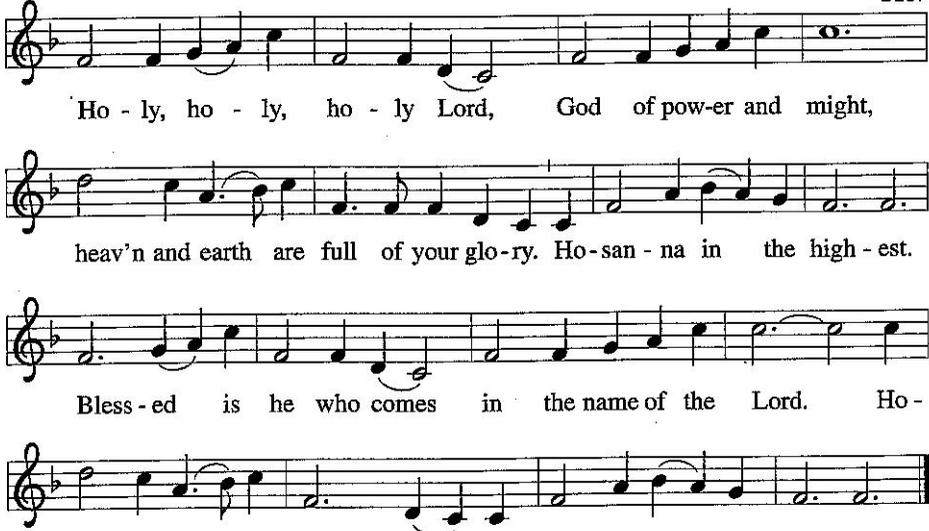
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Holy God, holy and mighty, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread and cup . . . all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, . . . sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

We pray as children of God:
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

INVITATION

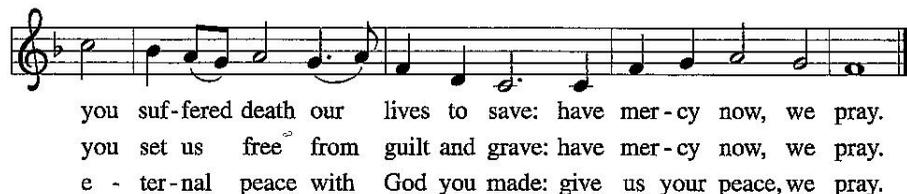
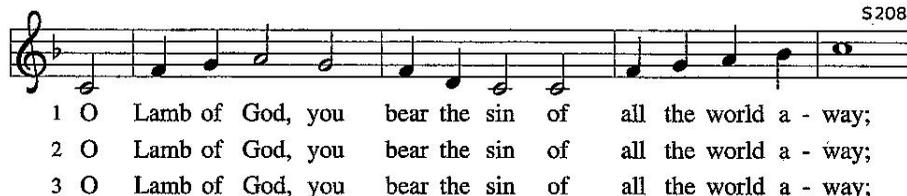
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

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



Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still
st. 1 —cantor

Green 500

Cantor: Faith of our fathers, living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to thee till death.

**The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate If they, like them, should die for thee.**

Refrain

**Faith of our fathers! We will love Both friend and foe in all our strife;
Proclaim thee, too, as love knows how, By saving Word and faithful life.**

Refrain

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Green 457

**Jesus, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me: Ah, how long I've panted, And my heart has fainted,
Thirsting, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;
I will suffer nought to hide thee, Nought I ask beside thee.**

**In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear. Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their bitter storms assail me, Jesus will not fail me.**

**Hence, all fears and sadness, For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within. Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Green 499

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.**

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

O God, O Lord of Flock and Throng

O God, O Lord of flock and throng, You let Your
ser - vants go in peace Your Word has been ful - filled,
in - creased, And now we sing sal - va - tion's song.
Our eyes have seen Your sav - ing light Re - vealed be - fore
the Gen - tiles' sight: The light of Christ un - fad - ing beams,
De - feat - ing all the dev - il's schemes.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Sit

S E N D I N G

VBS COMMISSIONING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

**Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
May we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.**

**Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole;
Broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.**

**Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;
Present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.**

**Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath;
Mercy be our destination from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Pr. 11 (Year B): Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

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

ACOLYTE-----Austin Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR -----Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Nathan Jank, Jeff Misiolek
LECTOR-----Mark Sorensen

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

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|--------------------------|----|--------------------|------|
| Worship Attendance | 98 | Bible Class..... | 27 |
| Communion | 76 | Offering..... | 3441 |
| Sunday School | 11 | Needed Weekly..... | 5030 |
| Staff | 4 | Specials..... | 200 |

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 5

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

TODAY - **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR** ----- 10:20 A.M.
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
MONDAY - **VBS REGISTRATION** ----- 5:30 P.M.
MONDAY—FRIDAY- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** ----- 6:00—8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY - **VBS CLOSING PROGRAM**-----8:00 —8:30 P.M.
SUNDAY **WORSHIP**-----9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

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.

July 20
 Alexis Brown
 Charly Peterson

July 21
 Dan Hurt
 Evelyn Misiolek

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—This week, July 16-20. Closing program is Friday, July 20, at 8:00 P.M. Be sure to invite friends, family, neighborhood children ages 4 years old to sixth graders to join us. Registration forms are inserted in the bulletin this week. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus."

VBS SUPPLY LIST —Thank you to all who have donated to the VBS supply list as well as made monetary donations. Because of your generosity, the list is now just a few items. Wooden, spring-loaded clothes pins (60), dessert size paper plates (60), and 14 dozen cookies are still needed. If you can help out with these last few items, please talk with Cindy Webb or call the church office at 402-455-8700. These items can be placed in the kitchen anytime. Please remember to mark your VBS donation.

VBS MISSION PROJECT —The 2018 VBS Mission Project recipient is Heifer International. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty by providing livestock and training to small-scale farmers around the world. Heifer International can provide a heifer for \$500 or a flock of ducks for \$20. They provide cows, chickens, goats, sheep, even honeybees. These animals provide food for the families as well as income. If you would like to donate, please place your offering in the offering plate on Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE — Our annual community outreach for National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

OMAHA ADDRESS — Emily Standley has been moved to a work release program here in Omaha. Her new address is; Emily Standley, Inmate #99497, Community Corrections Center, 2320 Avenue J, Omaha, NE, 68110.

ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN'T TAKE VACATIONS — This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Mount Olive relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Pick up an authorization form. We thank you for your continued support!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL — Claude Hogue, former pastor at Mt. Calvary and also former missionary with LCMS and Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) will be at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church for a presentation and ice-cream social on Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 P.M. He and his wife are returning to Ghana to teach the children of a missionary family with LBT. They would like to get to Ghana to begin the school year in September. However, they need to raise funds to cover some expenses. LBT will be covering their travel and living expenses although they will not be receiving a regular salary and benefits while working in Ghana. Prayerfully consider supporting their work.