



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 11)

July 22, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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“To God’s holy people ... faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father” (Colossians 1:2, NIV). Welcome to worship!

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We live in a divisive world. There are so many things out there that can divide us, including political viewpoints, race, gender, age, fashion, and many more. There are wars, conflicts, and rumors of war floating around every day in the news. In the Second Lesson, Paul speaks of a dividing wall of hostility. We have many such walls. Yet in Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. The walls that divide us are toppled over, and Christ makes peace between nations and peoples by His own blood. We are now one Body, one Church, serving under one Lord. May God’s peace reign in your life and break down any walls that divide you from God or from others.

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

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

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is our righteous Shepherd.
He does not scatter us, but gathers us together.
He makes us lie down in green pastures
and feeds us with the bread of life.
He leads us in paths of righteousness
by breaking down our dividing walls of hostility.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Beloved in the Lord, we have not lived a life worthy of our righteous Shepherd. We have all built dividing walls of hostility. Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Heavenly Father,
we confess that we have been divisive and have failed to live at peace with one another. At times, we have treated others as inferior because of differences of language and race, intelligence and appearance, gender and age. Forgive us for our prejudice, and break down the walls that divide us from one another and from You.

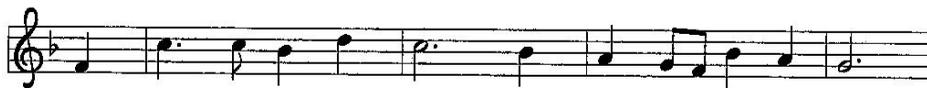
You were once foreigners and strangers to God, but now you have been brought near by the blood of Christ. He Himself is our peace. Jesus Christ died and was raised for you so that you might be reconciled with God and with one another. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Through Christ we are no longer strangers, but we are members of the household of God.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

Blue 750



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

From David's line, a righteous shepherd for Israel.

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: “It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,” says the Lord. “Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,” says the Lord. “The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’” *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM HYMN

You, Jesus, Are My Shepherd True (*Psalm 23*) Tune: Nun Freut Euch (299)
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1 You, Je - sus, are my Shep - herd true, And I, Your
2 I fol - low You. The path You choose. It is the
3 Sur - round - ed when I am by foes Who scorn me



sheep, quite help - less; My ev - er - lov - ing
best way for me; The lamb You love You
or ig - nore me, In Your strong arms I



Guide are You, Your ev - 'ry thought is self - less;
will not lose, You walk the way be - fore me;
find re - pose; You spread a feast be - fore me!



You feed me, guard me, lead the way To peace at
And though I pass through death's dark vale, It is my
You wel - come me! I find a place Of hon - or



night and joy by day: I frolic in Your fa - vor.
Lord's fa - mil - iar trail; I know its glo - rious end - ing.
as Your heir of grace, At home with You for - ev - er.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

Reconciled to God through Christ, our peace.

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. *(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

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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.

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 6:30-44

Jesus feeds the multitude with a little bread and a few fish.

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Can These Walls Tumble Down Too?

Ephesians 2:11-22

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

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.**

**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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

. . . trusting in Your promises.

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

2018 VBS Songs

Never Let Go Of Me

My Lighthouse

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.

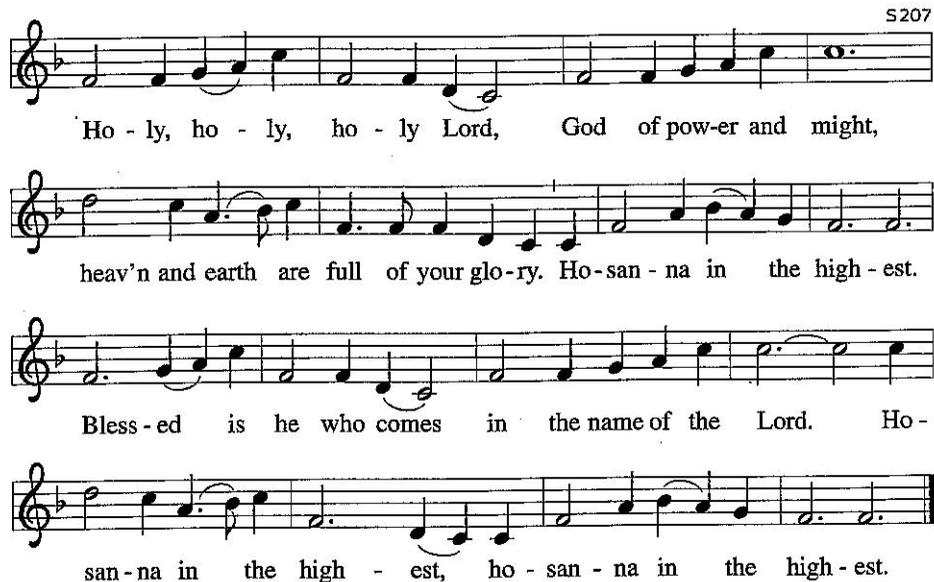
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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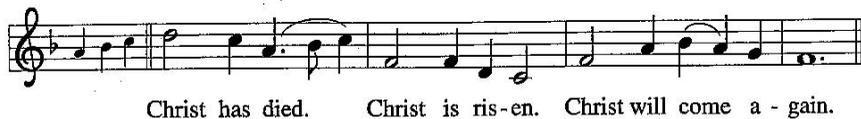
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

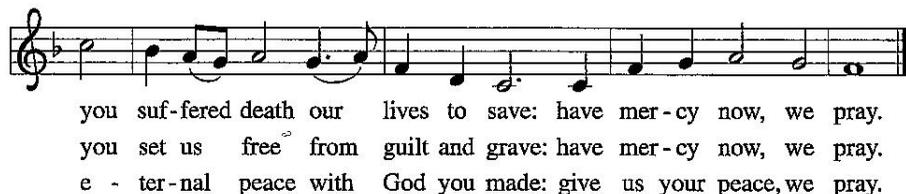
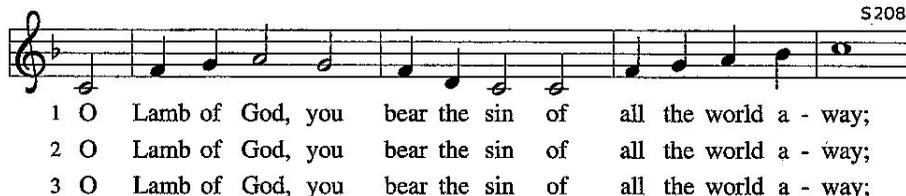
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

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



Cantor: I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.**

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

When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

Refrain: Congregation

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.

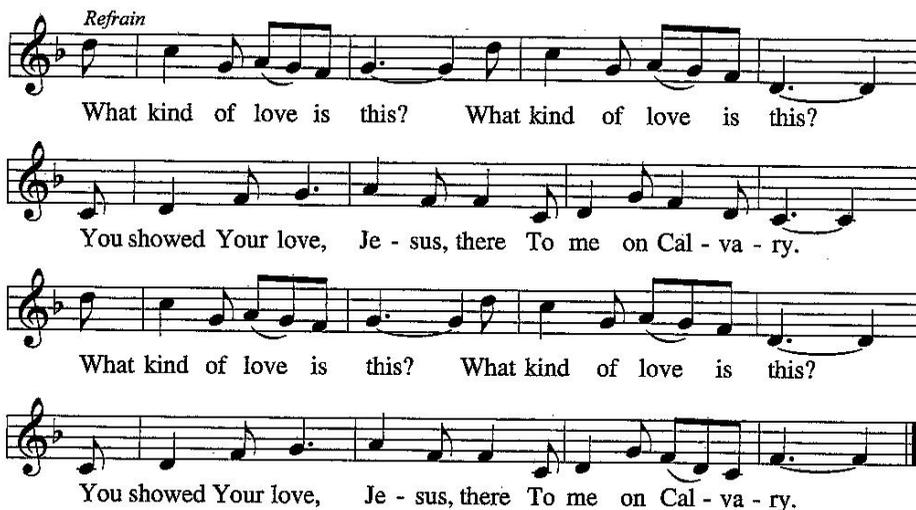
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

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

For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain.

Refrain: Congregation

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.

You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died.

Refrain

What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God—this I owe To You, and You alone.

Refrain

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Green 456

**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Green 196

**Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, Worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
Glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and Passion sharing,
By this Eucharist declaring Yours the final victory.**

**Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, Lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
Ears attentive to your word; By your blood new life receiving,
In your body, firm believing, We are yours, and you the Lord.**

**Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, We go forth alert and living
In your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation,
Seeking peace in ev'ry nation, May we faithful foll'wers be.**

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 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Pr. 12 (Year B): Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 136:1-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56

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

ACOLYTE-----Austin Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR -----Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Ruth Benish, Jody Wells-Padron
LECTOR-----Mark Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	96	Bible Class	29
Communion.....	66	Offering.....	2941
Sunday School	21	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	4	Specials	350

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

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

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
SUNDAY WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.

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 22
 Rosemary Block

July 24
 Verdell Adler

July 25
 Amber Brown

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Our 2018 Vacation Bible School was held this past week with a Closing Program on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. We had an average of 38 students every night. Thank you to all staff who shared Jesus with the students. Thank you to all who donated items, baked cookies, or gave monetary support to make this outreach effort happen. The energy level was great all week! —Jody Wells-Padron

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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT — Our annual community outreach for National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Our neighborhood surrounding our church has been coming to this event for several years. It is so important for our community to be able to come out and visit with each other in a safe environment, have a meal together, and have fun for the kids. We can provide ALL of this for them. We need YOU to be a part of it. Our congregation has the gift of hospitality and a genuine caring spirit. We are asking you to visit with our neighbors, help set up, help with the bounce house, work a couple games for the kids, and then help put everything away. Talk to Tim Lorang about your willingness to help.

LUNCH CLUB —The next *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon will be Wednesday, August 8. We are eating at the Garden Cafe, 11040 Oak St (Rockbrook Village). Let's meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and car pool. Please rsvp to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

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.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
invites the neighborhood for

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7 - 6:00 P.M.

in the church parking lot



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We will host a cook-out for the neighborhood from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Meet your neighbors, local police, and firemen. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and even shade, will be provided. There will be a bouncy house for the kids to enjoy. All are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. **All Mount Olivers are invited to attend.**

Bring a canned good for the Salvation Army pantry collected by the firefighters.
Come and meet the neighbors!