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P S A L M 116: 2

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 19)

September 16, 2018

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome as we worship, learn and fellowship together.
Please greet one another in friendship.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Imagine if you were the father in today's Gospel. Since childhood, his son has been plagued by an unclean spirit that makes him mute and throws him down, doing bodily harm. The dad brings his son to Jesus' disciples, and they are of no help. The father comes before Jesus and asks him to help . . . if He can. Jesus responds, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." To which the father cries out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (*Mark 9:23-24*). This father, who is at the end of his rope, cries out with faith mixed with desperation. Thankfully, his worthiness, and our worthiness, does not depend on the greatness or smallness of faith. Instead, it depends on Jesus, the object of our faith. When we face desperate times, we, too, cry out in prayer and faith, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 116:1-2)*

I love the LORD, because He has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because He inclined His ear to me,
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Psalm 116:4-5, 8-9)*

Together we say:

Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!" Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Since we are gathered to our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

Greet the Rising Sun

st. 1—cantor

1 Greet the ris - ing sun, Shin - ing with bright force,
2 Fa - ther, hear my prayer, Keep me safe to - day;
3 Lord, I will to - day On Your love re - ly;

Like an ath - lete strong, Set to run the course;
Sanc - ti - fy my thoughts, All I do and say:
Let no e - vil thought Cloud the clear blue sky;

Birds soar high a - bove, Wild-flow'rs bloom be - low;
As I teach the young And es - teem the old,
Joy - ful and con - tent With life's sim - pler things,

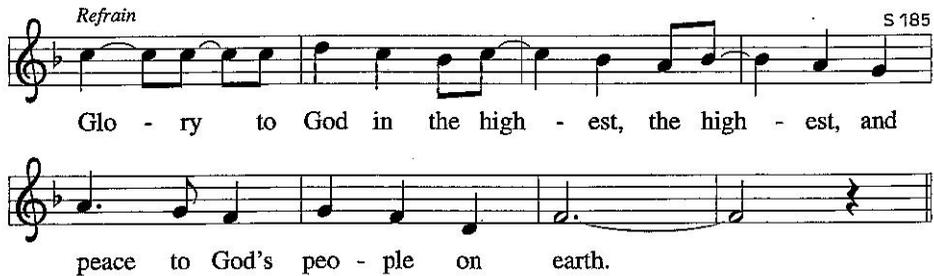
With the day's new light, Glad to work I go.
May Your boun - teous grace By my life be told.
Know - ing all I need From Your kind - ness springs.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation

Refrain S 185



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Congregation: Refrain

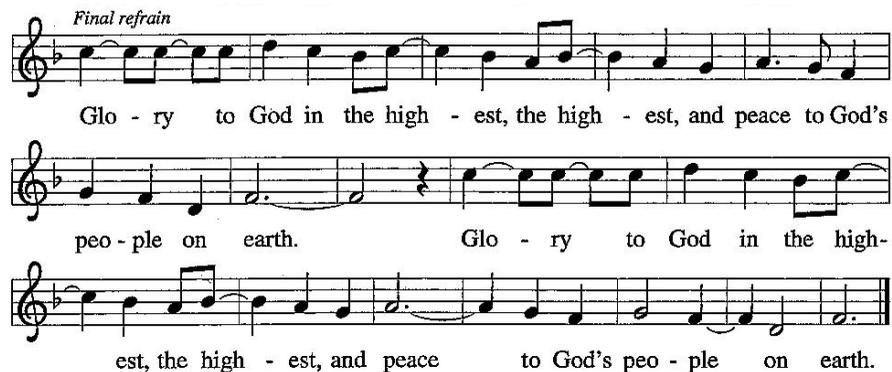
Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Congregation: Refrain

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-10

Trust in God even in the midst of pain.

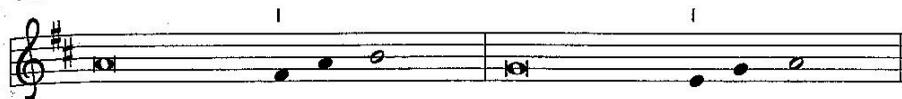
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord and relies upon his God? (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 116:1-9 (*antiphon v. 5*)

Tone 1



Cantor: Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;* our God is | merciful.

Cantor: I love the Lord, because | he has heard* my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,* therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

Cantor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;* I suffered distress and | anguish.

Then I called on the name | of the Lord:* “O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

Cantor: Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;* our God is | merciful.

The Lord preserves the | simple;* when I was brought low, he | saved me.

Cantor: Return, O my soul, | to your rest;* for the Lord has dealt bountifully | with you.

For you have delivered my | soul from death,* my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

Cantor: I will walk be- | fore the Lord* in the land of the | living.

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: Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;* our God is | merciful.

SECOND LESSON

James 3:1-12

Dangers of the unbridled tongue.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, 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: All things are possible for one who believes. (*Mark 9:23b*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14-29

Jesus casts out a spirit.

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

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

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so.” He answered them, “You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it

came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

He Who Vindicates Me Is Near

Isaiah 50:4-10

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

Lift High the Cross

Green 377/Choir & Congregation

Choral arrangement by J. Bert Carlson

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ,
the Son of God. Refrain

All servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to
thee. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory!

Stand

Congregation

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his
name.**

Lift high the cross! Lift high the cross! Lift high the cross!

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

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
jazz setting by Aaron David Miller

piano

Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,
**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth
bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS

S 190

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

We pray as children of God:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

INVITATION

Come, be fed, be healed.

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

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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, Lamb of God.

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

**Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.**

**O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.**

**Give me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling
To do it when I ought, With all my strength and bless
Whatever I have wrought, For you must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me, lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace, Lest I offend the weak.**

**When dangers gather round, Oh, keep me calm and fearless;
Help me to bear the cross When life seems dark and cheerless;
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small,
And, by your Spirit's might, To live at peace with all.**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

Green 393

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 20):
 Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR ----- Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Rome Motiejaitis, Paul Whitmore
LECTOR----- Marsha Behr

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	104	Bible Class	40
Communion.....	74	Offering.....	4010
Sunday School	21	Needed Weekly	5030
Staff.....	6	Specials	322

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 5

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

TUESDAY - WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY----- 6:00 P.M.

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will continue a Bible Study on “Fear, Cravings, and Misplaced Trust.” Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY — Last Sunday the Voters’ Assembly decided to request an intentional interim pastor from the Nebraska District President to follow after Pastor Jank’s retirement on June 30, 2019.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — The Women’s Bible Study will resume this Tuesday, September 18, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. for *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible* continuing on the first and third Tuesdays until November. —Dixie Gerhart, 402-453-6707 (evening), 402-602-3252 (daytime)

PERENNIAL BULBS — If anyone would like the elephant ear or cannon ball bulbs that are planted around the church, please talk to Ron Hurt. They can be dug up mid-October.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN — “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (*Proverbs 27:17*). Beginning Wednesday October 3rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., a men’s group will meet weekly at Mount Olive for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. The purpose is to provide a mid-week opportunity to connect with our brothers in Christ to grow in faith, service and love. There will be a no cost meal at the initial meeting where an overview of the agenda is discussed. If you’re looking to connect on a deeper level with your Christian brothers to sharpen and be sharpened, please pray for and join us. Contact Tim Lorang with questions and to RSVP so the correct number of meals can be ordered.

CANVAS AND COFFEE — Please join us Saturday, October 6th, at 9:30 a.m. in Luther Hall for Canvas and Coffee. We will provide the materials you need to take home a small canvas painting. Our Artist -in-Residence, Marilyn Beig, will once again guide us in making our creation. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family for a morning of fun and fellowship. Please sign up in advance by emailing mjbehr@cox.net or the church office at mountolv@msn.com. Questions? Call **Marsha Behr** at 402-250-1269. No experience or talent required!!

LWML TRI-ZONE RALLY — On Sunday, October 21, First Lutheran Church (1025 Avenue D, Plattsmouth, NE), will be hosting the LWML Tri-Zone Rally. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Lloyd Stuhr will lead an opening Bible study and songs at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Brent Smith from Mission Central will be the featured speaker at 2:00 p.m. Lisa Stirtz, LWML District President will address the rally followed by Zone Breakout Sessions at 3:00 p.m. Offerings for Mission Central will be collected. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Marcia Steckelberg or Jody Wells-Padron.

LWML SUNDAY — Join us Sunday, October 7, for LWML Sunday.

LUNCH CLUB — The monthly Very Merry Unbirthday luncheon will be Wednesday, October 10. We are eating at 11-Worth Cafe, 2419 Leavenworth St. Let’s meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 A.M. and carpool. Please rsvp to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

FALL FIESTA AND STYLE SHOW — On Saturday, September 22, at 11:00 A.M. Bethany Lutheran Church (5151 NW Radial HWY) is hosting a Fall Fiesta and Style Show. All are welcome for fashions, light entertainment, guest speaker Pastor Sean Chapman from Divine Shepherd. Call 402-558-6212 or email bethanylutheranoffice@gmail.com to RSVP by Monday, September 17.

CHILI COOK-OFF — St. Paul Lutheran Church (5020 Grand Ave.) is hosting a Chili Cook-Off Harvest Party and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 13, from 4:30—7:00 P.M. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning chef. Preregister your winning chili recipe by emailing revhawk@cox.net. There is a \$15 entry fee. Admission to the event includes a bowl of chili, salad and drink. Adults are \$7, ages four to twelve and seniors are \$5 and children three years and younger are free.

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.

September 21
Mark Sorensen