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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**January 13, 2019**

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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**Beloved children of God: Welcome to Mount Olive Lutheran Church.**

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Voices are in our heads nearly every moment. Even when we don't realize it, we are listening to the sounds of life that surround us. What do those voices say? What choruses do they sing? What refrains do they repeat? The voice we gather to hear this day stands in stark contrast to the multitude of others in our world. "The voice of the Lord is over the waters," we read in Psalm 29:3. As He did for ancient Israel—and as He did for His only-begotten Son—our Father does for us today: He speaks over us words of life! Connected to Christ by water and Spirit—redeemed and called by His name—the Father makes us His own. Are we listening? Can we hear Him? He is speaking. Let's open our ears to hear.

## P R E L U D E

**WELCOME** *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**

G A T H E R I N G

We Enter God's Presence.

## I N V O C A T I O N

## OPENING SENTENCES (*Romans 6:3-4*)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

## CONFES SION AND ABSOLUTION

Since we are gathered to hear the Word of God, which speaks over us in the waters of Baptism, to call upon our God in prayer and praise, which is the response of those who have been made His own, and to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to us in the fellowship of this altar, let us first confess before our God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot set ourselves free from the entanglement of our sinful condition. Therefore, together as one people, united to Christ's death and resurrection, let us take refuge in the faithfulness of our God, seeking His forgiveness and grace, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us. Speak over us words of life. Forgive us our sins and lead us with Jesus to life everlasting. Amen.**

Almighty God, your merciful Father, has declared you in Holy Baptism to be His child and has gathered you into the family of His Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and grants you new life through His Spirit. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

This Is The Spirit's Entry Now

Green 195

**This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,  
The cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.**

**This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;  
The sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.**

**Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day  
To rise again by his design as foll'wers of his way.**

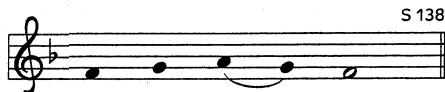
**Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r  
That washes us through all our days, Come, cleanse, again this hour.**

**A P O S T O L I C   G R E E T I N G**

**K Y R I E**

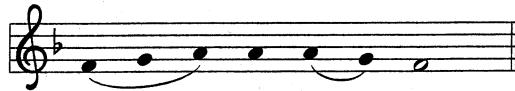
Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation**



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



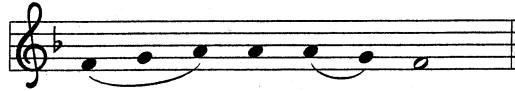
Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



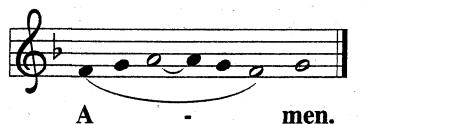
Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

## H Y M N   O F   P R A I S E

O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright

Green 76

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and Master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us, when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!**

## 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

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

Do not fear, for I am with you.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God! (shouted)**

**P S A L M 2 9** (*antiphon v. 3*)

**Tone 4**



Cantor: The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;\* the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.

Cantor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly | beings,\* ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.  
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;\* worship the Lord in the splendor of | holiness.**

Cantor: The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;\* the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.

**The voice of the Lord is | powerful;\* the voice of the Lord is full of | majesty.**

Cantor: The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedars;\* the Lord breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.  
**He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,\* and Sirion like a young | wild ox.**

Cantor: The voice | of the Lord\* flashes forth | flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the | wilderness;\* the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

Cantor: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,\* and in his temple all cry, | “Glory!”

**The Lord sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;\* the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | ever.**

Cantor: May the Lord give strength to his | people!\* May the Lord bless his people | with peace!

**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: The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;\* the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.

**S E C O N D   L E S S O N**

**Romans 6:1-11**

Baptized into Christ, we have died and risen to a new life.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (*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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia.

*Fine*

Cantor: A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I | am well pleased.” (*Matt. 3:17*)

**H O L Y   G O S P E L**

**Luke 3:15-22**

At his baptism, Jesus is revealed as God’s servant.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

**S E R M O N**

**Fear Knots and Fear Nots**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

Stand

**H Y M N   O F   T H E   D A Y**

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with numbered lines 1 and 2 above the first staff, and lines 3 and 4 below the third staff.

1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -

Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell

Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash-ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His

now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
  
 And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
  
 op-pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
 be-stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.

**But woe to those who cast aside This grace so freely given;  
 They shall in sin and shame abide And to despair be driven.  
 For born in sin, their words must fail, Their striving saves them never;  
 Their pious acts do not avail, And they are lost forever,  
 Eternal death their portion.**

**All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.  
 Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
 For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;  
 The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,  
 Assuring His own pardon.**

#### N I C E N E   C R E E D

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
... to whom be glory now and forever.  
**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.

#### G A T H E R I N G   O F   T I T H E S   A N D   O F F E R I N G S

*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.*

#### M U S I C   A T   O F F E R I N G

You Are Mine  
*words and music by David Haas, arrangement by Mark Hayes*

Choir

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.

Refrain: Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me.

I am the strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all who know my name.

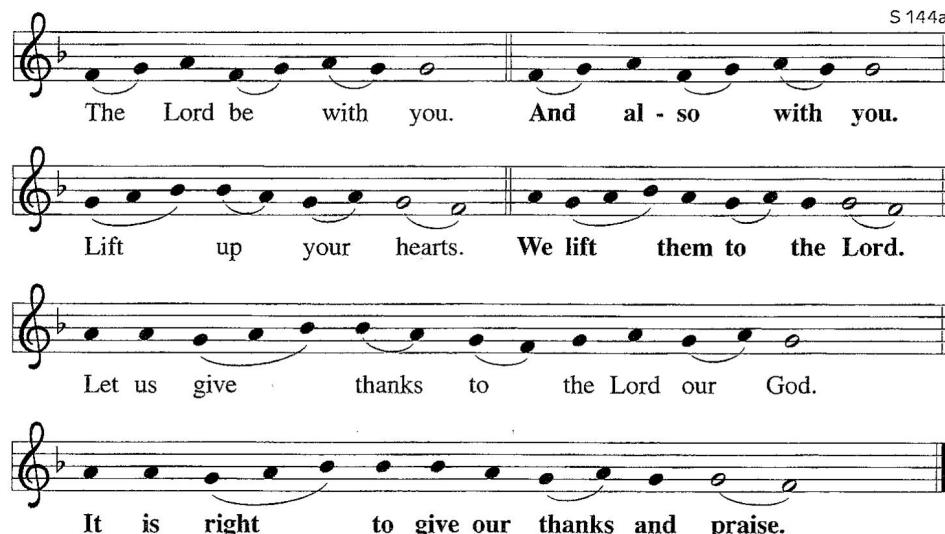
I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!

#### 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

S 144a



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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

## S A N C T U S

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 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, . . . until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, . . . the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those . . . now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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 . . .**

## INVITATION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.  
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

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; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Blue 647

**When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance with all mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
 For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
 So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
 The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
 This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
 Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
 To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

O Blessed Spring

1 O bles-sed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us  
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain  
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their  
 4 As win-ter comes, as win-ters must, We breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -

be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move With gifts of beau ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing And trust the prom ise of the spring.  
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized  
*st. 2 & 5 – cantor*

Tune: Nun Freut Euch (299)

All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,  
 And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:  
 Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
 Baptized into Christ Jesus!

Cantor: You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.

**But all of that was washed away— Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.**

**In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'ly Father.**

Cantor: O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.

**So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness  
Bestowed on you forever!**

**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**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Vocies Raised to You

**Voices raised to You we offer; Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute For Your gifts through all our days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

**All creation joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us, We return to You today.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, Creator, source of life!**

**Christ, the song of Love incarnate, Touching earth with heaven's grace,  
For Your living, suff'ring, dying, For Your rising, hear our praise!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**

**Spirit, flaming through creation, Kindle faith within each heart,  
Lift our voices high in chorus; Through our hands Your love impart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Spirit, Helper, breath of life!**

**How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices — Gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!**

**DISMISAL**

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** — Second Sunday after Epiphany (Yr. C): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 128;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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

<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Kamree Townsend
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Robbie Moffett, Sr.
<b>CANTOR</b>	Dan Schreiber
<b>EUCARISTIC GIFTS</b>	Marjorie Eastman, Joan Johnson
<b>LECTOR</b>	Mark Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	102	Bible Class .....	26
Communion.....	78	Offering .....	5005
Sunday School .....	20	Needed Weekly .....	5300
Staff.....	6	Specials .....	767

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 1

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

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		2018 GIVING RECORDS	
TUESDAY	-	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY -----	6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -----	6:00 P.M.
		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.
		HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING	
		YOUTH GROUP-----	11:30 A.M.
		MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will continue leading a Bible Study on *Sexual Temptation in a High Tech Society*. A second video-enhanced Bible Class, “Present Over Perfect,” for parents with children in the nursery is being led by Melissa Lorang in the nursery room, the northwest corner room upstairs. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES** — Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2019. VBS is July 15-19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**MANY THANKS** — Project Hope thanks the members of Mount Olive for the gift of \$1635 in December. “Your generosity will allow us to continue to serve the hungry and those in need. Thank you so much for choosing to support Project Hope and our mission.” —Veda Keebler, Executive Director

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — The Women's Bible Study group resumes after the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. Jacob is on the run...he deceived his father Isaac and his twin brother, Esau, wants to kill him. While his dad and brother "cool off", Jacob will visit his Uncle Laban. If you thought Jacob was kind of a sly guy, his uncle is in a class by himself. Laban's daughters Rachel and Leah are of marrying age and Laban is out to take advantage of his nephew's infatuation with Rachel. Leah is caught in the middle, and while she could have "done the right thing," she did not. Please come and join us as we learn from Leah; that actions speak louder than words and that we should always act in a manner worthy of our calling as women of God, knowing people see what we do far more clearly than they hear what we say. If you want to read ahead our story is from Genesis 28:10 – 29:24. No worries if you cannot slide in right at 6...we usually start off with a connect question. Each lesson stands on its own, so if you miss a night...you're still okay. If you want more information regarding the study, please do not hesitate to contact me...Dixie Gerhart 402-602-3252 (day number) and 402-453-6707 (night number).

**AUTOMATIC GIVING** — *Joyful Response* is a way to make your Sunday morning offerings convenient and consistent through preauthorized withdrawal from your checking account at no extra cost to you. It is safe and secure. Your giving continues even if you are out of town or aren't able to be at a worship service. Pick up a *Joyful Response* brochure from Max Williams or from the Church Office. More members each year are using this plan.

**LITTLE FREE PANTRY** — Remember the Little Free Pantry while doing your grocery shopping. We have been filling it daily as it receives a lot of traffic. Please place your items inside the marked cabinet in the old nursery room right behind the doorway.

#### **Praying for Our Parish in 2019**

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.

January 10

Robbie Moffett, Jr  
Alexia Moffett  
Jessica Moffett  
Gideon Rager

January 11

Becky Day  
Mckoy Kosch

January 12

Krystal Kinney

January 13

Rachel Misiolek  
Isabelle Nordaker  
Barbara Stacy