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**November 9, 2014**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 27)**

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship .....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.  
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**Good morning, one and all.  
May God be honored as we come before him in worship.**

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



THE 22ND SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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We are nearing the end of the Church Year, and the readings ask us to consider the end of time. It will come, ready or not. The people in Amos's day weren't ready, for they were ignoring the poor and downtrodden. Jesus continued the warning to the people of His day. But Paul reminds us that Christ has made us ready by giving us faith to trust in His death and resurrection. We might be surprised when our Lord returns, but He has provided the oil of faith which we need to welcome Him. So wake up and give Him thanks!

## PRELUDE

**WELCOME**    *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

## RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**Stand**

## GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

## INVOCATION

## CONFESSIO N

In Jesus' parable, "Five of [the bridesmaids] were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." (*Matthew 25:2-4*)

**We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. At times, we have taken for granted the faith the Holy Spirit has bestowed on us by grace. We have not kept it at the ready nor confidently used it to enlighten our decisions as we have awaited our Lord's return. Although we have prayed, "Thy kingdom come," we have not kept the King in our hearts and before our eyes at all times. Forgive us, gracious Lord.**

In the First Lesson, the prophet Amos pronounces a scathing judgment on God's people in his day. Yet, he nevertheless holds before them the will of God, writing, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (*Amos 5:24*)

**We confess that we have not always dealt with one another and the people around us in truth and righteousness. We have preferred to rely on acts of seeming repentance and contrition, rather than seeking to alleviate the troubles of the poor and downtrodden, the forgotten and isolated people in our communities. We need Your help, heavenly Father, to be Your instruments of justice and righteousness.**

## ABSOLUTION

Paul encourages us in the Second Lesson, writing, "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, . . . we will always be with the Lord." (*1 Thessalonians 4:14a, 17b*)

The faith we have within us is a gift of God. With it comes the conviction that while we are waiting for our Lord's return, He is truly present with us in His holy Word and the blessed Sacraments. Where the King is, there is the kingdom. 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.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Green 25

**Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the bridegroom near;  
Go forth as he approaches With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; The bridegroom is at hand.**

**The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before him Their diadems of gold.**

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets your people free!**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast of Victory  
*cantor on verses, congregation on refrain*

#### Congregation

*Refrain* S 196

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

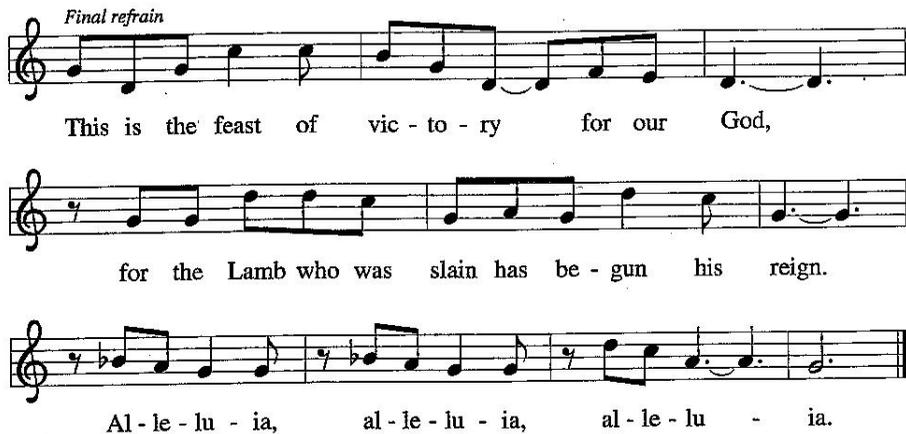
Cantor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

### Congregation (refrain)

Cantor: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

### Congregation

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

### WORD

We Hear God's Word.

### FIRST LESSON

#### Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters.

*Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in*

*your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**P S A L M 70** (*antiphon v. 4*)



Cantor: May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!\* May those who love your salvation say evermore, | “God is great!”

Cantor: Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\* O Lord, make haste to | help me!

**Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!\* Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!**

Cantor: Let them turn back because | of their shame\* who say, “A- | ha, Aha!

**May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!\* May those who love your salvation say evermore, | “God is great!”**

Cantor: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, | O God!\* You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do | not delay!

**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: May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!\* May those who love your salvation say evermore, | “God is great!”

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

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

The promise of the resurrection.

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the*

*Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Keep awake | and be ready,\* for you do not know on what day your | Lord is coming. (*Matt. 24:42, 44*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 25:1-13**

The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

*[Jesus said:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the*

*dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

**Wise Waiting**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

Stand

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

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Green 31

**Wake, awake, for night is flying, The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
Awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake; Your lamps with gladness take!”  
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,  
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing, And in her heart new joy is springing.  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom, For her Lord comes down all glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is ris’n; her light is come.  
Oh, come, you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.  
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view  
Where you have bid us dine with you.**

**Now let all the heav’ns adore you, And saints and angels sing before you.  
The harps and cymbals all unite. Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal, We gather round your dazzling light.  
No eye has seen, no ear Has yet been trained to hear.  
What joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls resound;  
Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.**

## 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.**  
. . . for the sake of Your Son, 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 and with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."*

Sit

## MEAL

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

## MUSIC AT OFFERING

When Long Before Time (The Singer and the Song)  
*text and tune Peter W.S. Davison, arr. David Cherwien*

Choir

When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
When there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
And all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
And even our Maker had only a dream.

The silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
And light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
And with its first birth-cries creation was born,  
And creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.

The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
Their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
The Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
The choir of the creatures reechoed it long.

Though down through the ages the Song disappeared,  
Its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
The Singer comes to us to sing it again,  
Our God is with us in the world now as then.

The Light has returned as it came once before,  
The Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
So let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
The Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

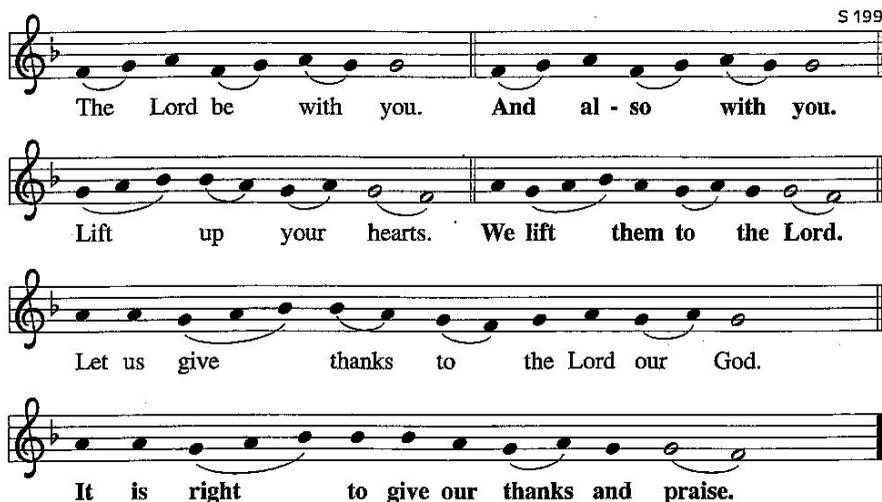
To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
To you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
To you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
Be glory forever, through life and through death.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,  
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves,  
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for  
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE

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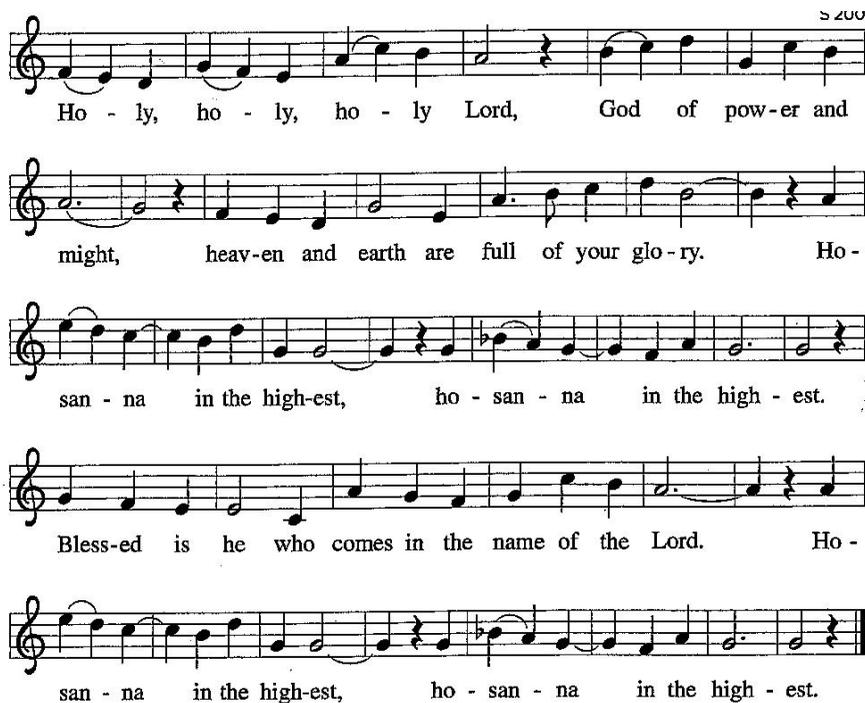


The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.



## LORD'S PRAYER *(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 banquet for all is now ready.

**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

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the staves. A small number '3 201' is written above the first staff.

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.

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.

We Know that Christ is Raised

Green 189

When Peace, like a River

Green 346

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Cantor: Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
 Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.  
 Bless the one who grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;  
 Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

**Congregation: Refrain**

Be thank - full! Be thank - full!

Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, and re - joice!

Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed is our joy.

Cantor: Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder  
 That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;  
 With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.  
 Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

**Congregation: Refrain**

Cantor: Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;  
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

**Congregation: Refrain**

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Sit**

**SENDING**

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Blue 801

**Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**Thine the life eternally thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision thine the tree all the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

*Left: Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
Thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.*

*Right: Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonder full surprise  
 Thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways  
 Thine the glory thine the story then the welcome to the least  
 Then the wonder all increasing at thy feast at thy feast.*

**Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
 Thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
 Then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
 Thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.**

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**NEXT SUNDAY** – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Year A): Zechariah 1:7-16;  
 Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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

**ACOLYTE** -----Alexia Moffett  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**-----Steve Kowalski  
**CANTOR** -----Sarah Jank  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Mike & Marcia Steckelberg  
**LECTOR**----- Marsha Behr  
**PERCUSSION** ----- Mark Flemmer, Liz Matson, Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	128	Bible Class .....	40
Communion.....	106	Offering .....	3843
Sunday School .....	24	Needed Weekly .....	4649
Staff.....	7	Specials .....	50

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

November 9, 2014 (A)

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

- TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
- VOTERS' ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.M.
- ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.
- MONDAY - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- TUESDAY - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT MT. OLIVE ----- 7:00 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.
- CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
- THURSDAY - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
- SATURDAY - ELL (FLORENCE LIBRARY) ----- 10:30 - NOON
- SUNDAY - WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
- HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
- ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead one Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall on the topic: *God's Story and Our Story*. A second Bible Class, *Marriage: God's Design for Intimacy*, led by Lois Barr meets today in the south section of the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in the study of God's Word.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** — Today immediately following the Christian Education Hour.

**STEWARDSHIP** — The 2014 Stewardship Campaign entitled *Joyful Giving* happens this month.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX** — Please join your fellow Mount Olivers on Friday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. We will be showing the movie "Where Eagles Dare." This 1968 World War II film stars Clint Eastwood, Richard Burton and Mary Ure. A group of special agents attempting to rescue an Allied general from an impregnable castle is jeopardized by a ruthless German double agent. The movie is rated PG and runs for over two hours, so bring a pillow to make the folding chairs in the Fellowship Hall more comfortable. Popcorn and movie candy will be provided. Circle the date! -Dixie Gerhart (402-602-3252)

**NEWCOMER VISITOR TEAM** — Max and Linda Williams

**Praying For Our Parish in 2014**

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

November 11  
Karen Lorang

November 12  
Marcia Steckelberg

November 15  
Gary Jacobson

November 15  
Robbie Moffett, Sr.

November 15  
Judy Rath