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May 19, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816

Sunday Worship .....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.  
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**We worship in the name of our creative God, our all-loving Savior  
and the rejuvenating Spirit. Amen.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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**5TH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

**May 19, 2019**

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Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light — through the lens of love.

## PRELUDE

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

## RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**Stand**

**GATHERING**  
We Enter God's Presence.

## INVOCATION

## OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ has risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION

The Lord has made known His salvation;

**He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Come, let us kneel before the Lord and make confession of our sin,  
**and call upon His mercy that we may be forgiven.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Blue 674

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

**Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant  
surprise. Refrain**

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.  
Refrain**

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

**Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!  
Refrain**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE

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

#### Congregation

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest for four measures, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The middle staff is for the Congregation, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bottom staff is for the Congregation, with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics 'Ky-ri - e, Ky-ri - e e-le - i - son. (hum)' are written below the middle staff. The word 'Cantor' is written above the top staff. The phrase '... let us pray to the Lord:' is written below the middle staff.

*Kyrie eleison (KIY-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Lord, have mercy.*

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

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

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.

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

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

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

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

**Congregation** (*same as above*)

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## This Is The Feast

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

### WORD

We Hear God's Word.

## FIRST LESSON

### Acts 11:1-18

God also gives the Gentiles repentance that leads to life.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM HYMN (*Psalms 148*)

Let Every Creature Join



1 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture join To praise th'e - ter - nal  
2 Let those of wide com - mand Ex - tol the gra - cious  
3 From moun - tains near the sky Let songs of joy re -



God The heav'n - ly hosts be - gin the song, And  
Lord; Let judg - es yield to God's own hand, Be  
sound! From hum - ble souls to lead - ers high, From



sound God's name a - broad; The sun with gold - en  
guid - ed by His word. By all the earth - born  
vales and hills a - round, Let all our zeal be



beams, The moon with pal - er rays, The star - ry lights, like  
race His hon - ors be ex - pressed; But saints that know His  
shown By grate - ful songs we raise; God is the Lord! His



twin - kling flames, Dis - play their Mak - er's praise.  
heav'n - ly grace Should learn to praise Him best.  
name a - lone De - serves our end - less praise!

## SECOND LESSON

### Revelation 21:1-7

The vision of the new Jerusalem is described.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children." (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Turn as the cross passes.*

Cantor begins, congregation joins in on "alleluias."

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody.

Cantor: Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.  
(John 13:35)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**H O L Y G O S P E L**

**John 13:31-35**

Jesus gives a new commandment.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** (*twice*)

**Sit**

**S E R M O N**

**Wedding Crashers!**

**Acts 11:1-18**

**Stand**

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

At the Lamb’s High Feast  
*st. 3 and 6 - right side, st. 4 and 7 - left side*

Green 210

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious king,  
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we him, whose love divine Gives his sacred blood for wine,  
Gives his body for the feast-- Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

***Right: Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!***

***Left: Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!***

**Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

***Right: Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise, And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!***

***Left: Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!***

**Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!**

## **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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy.

**hear our prayer.**

. . . our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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**

## 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.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, We That Love the Lord  
*setting by David von Kampen*

Choir

Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne,  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; The beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, Or walk the golden streets.  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; The beautiful city of God.

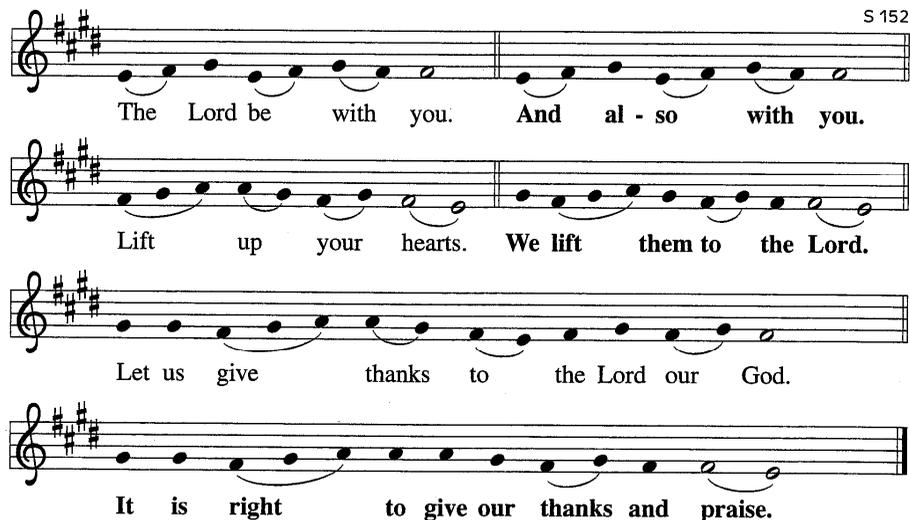
Then let our songs abound, And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, To fairer worlds on high,  
We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; The beautiful city of God.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,  
**O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PREFACE

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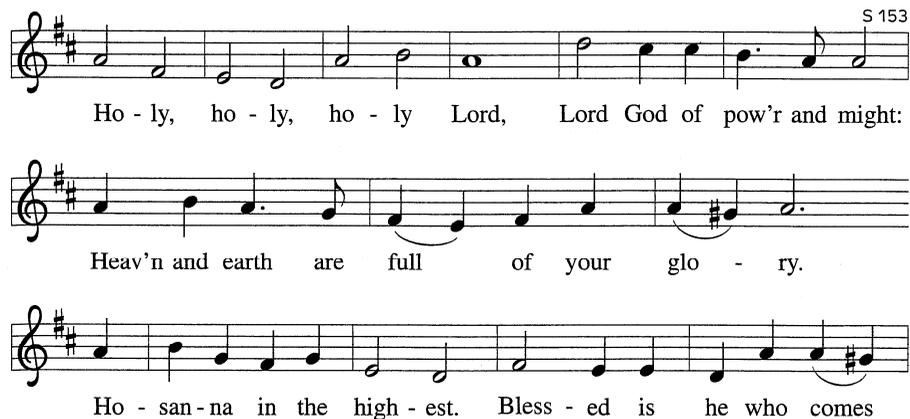


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

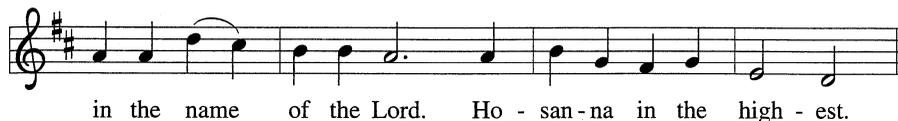
It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



## 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

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**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

S 154

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on'. The second staff continues: 'us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have'. The third staff continues: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the'. The fourth staff concludes: 'sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.'

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Green 315

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love for sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

**Congregation**

Musical score for Congregation. The score is written on two staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with the word "Refrain" and a fermata over the first note. The lyrics are: "Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show". The second staff continues the lyrics: "us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like "F" and "C'".

Cantor: Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who pours out himself for them.

**Refrain**

Cantor: Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are nearby and far away.

**Refrain**

Cantor: These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.

**Refrain**

Cantor: Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
This is the way we will live with you.

**Refrain**

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## CLOSING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Green 143

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say: Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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**NEXT SUNDAY – Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;  
Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33**

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

ACOLYTE-----Kamree Townsend  
 ASSISTING MINISTER----- Galen Behr  
 CANTOR -----Dan Schreiber  
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Victor and Jody Padron  
 LECTOR----- Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	111	Bible Class .....	29
Communion .....	84	Offering.....	3791
Sunday School .....	21	Needed Weekly.....	5300
Staff .....	6	Specials.....	4644

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

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

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 HEALTH/MEDICATION COUNSELING  
 VOTERS' ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.M.  
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE

TUESDAY - WOMEN'S END OF YEAR GET-TOGETHER - 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 6:00 P.M.  
 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ----- 6:00 P.M.  
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP/CONFIRMATION ----- 9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 CONFIRMATION RECEPTION----- 11:30 A.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR** – During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall in a continued discussion of some of Mount Olive's traditions and uniqueness. A second Bible class, "Present Over Perfect," for parents with children in the nursery is being led by Melissa Loring in the nursery room, the northwest corner room upstairs. Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** – Today after the Education Hour is our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting. We will elect our congregational leaders for the next two years, call an Intentional Interim Pastor and give a peaceful release to Pastor Jank from his call to serve us.

**CALL COMMITTEE** — The Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) Call Committee met with Rev. Glenn Meyer on Monday, April 29. Pastor Meyer is the candidate recommended by District President Snow. He and his wife, Susan, live in Bennington, NE. He has 38 years of ministry experience and is committed to helping LMCS congregations work through the transition of calling a new pastor. He has previously served as IIP at Good Shepherd, Fremont, NE, and is currently serving Grace Lutheran in Fairbury, NE. Pastor Meyer

describes his vision for ministry at Mt. Olive like this, “*As I see my role . . . I expect myself to fulfill ALL that a regularly called resident pastor would do PLUS take the congregation through the Interim/Transition Process. I would hope to be with Mount Olive until we hear of a pastor accepting the call to be the next resident pastor. Normal practice that I have seen is a 12-month call with an option of a 6-month extension.*” Our Call Committee is making a recommendation to call Pastor Meyer at today’s Voters’ Assembly. Please direct any questions or concerns to any member of the Call Committee (Galen Behr, Jill Clausen, Melissa Lorang, Rachel Misiolek, Mark Sorensen, Mike Townsend, Jr. and Max Williams.) Pastor Jank is our advisor, and Rev. Bill Moorhead is the District advisor.

**NEXT SUNDAY**—Aryanna Hogue and Austin Wegner will affirm their baptismal covenant (Confirmation).

**ALL WELCOME** — Next Sunday, May 26th, Bob Wegner, Betsy Kosch and their families invite you to a cake reception after the Bible Class Hour at 11:30 A.M. to celebrate the confirmation of Aryanna Hogue and Austin Wegner.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**— Chance Seefus from Omaha Concordia High School and Austin Wegner from Omaha North High School. Congratulations!

**END OF THE YEAR COOKOUT** — All ladies that have ever attended the Women’s Bible Study, who have thought about attending the Women’s Bible Study or just want the night off from making dinner for the family are invited to an “end of the year” get together at Dixie Gerhart’s house (8215 N. 46<sup>th</sup> St.) on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. Chef Chuck will grill some burgers and hot dogs for us, plus we’ll have salads, chips, appetizers and desserts. Please come for an evening of food, fellowship and fun!!

**HELP NEEDED** — Egg cartons and empty, clear 2-liter bottles are being collected during the months of May and June. There is a collection container near the coat rack by the men’s restrooms.

**MEN’S BIBLE GROUP** — The men’s group continues to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:00—7:30 p.m. for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and service work. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Tim Lorang.

**SAVE THE DATE** — The annual Independence Day Fireworks Celebration and Cookout will be Wednesday, July 3.

**VBS** — *Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World* is the theme of this summer’s Vacation Bible School. Look forward to Galaxy snacks, Blast-Off games, Marvelously Made music and Bible stories that show how Jesus saves us. Several positions will need to be filled, so please prayerfully consider when asked to help. To register your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, classmates, etc., please call the church office at 402-455-8700. You will also find VBS registrations forms as a bulletin insert beginning June 30. There is no cost to participate. Children ages 4 years to 6th grade are welcome. - Jody Wells-Padron

**MATCHING GIFT** — Concordia Seminary has received a promise that gifts of up to a total of \$90,000 received through June 30, 2019, will be matched by an anonymous donor. If you would like to donate through Mount Olive, use a Mission envelope and clearly mark it for Concordia Seminary. Send gifts directly to Seminary Advancement, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63102-9677.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SCHOLARSHIP** — Mount Olive’s Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that a \$1,000 scholarship will be available to eligible students or prospective students. The scholarship will be for the 2019-20 academic year. Go to our webpage

<http://www.mountoliveomaha.com/scholarship-appl>

**THANK YOU** – Many thanks to those ladies who came to my rescue Monday night on the “special project.” I gave you very short notice but you came through for me in flying colors! Thank you Rosemary Block, Liz Matson and Barb Stacy. —Dixie Gerhart

**MANY THANKS** – What a great day for a parade! The Mount Olive Popcorn Team handed out almost 400 cups of popcorn, VBS magnets and Mardi Gras necklaces to the Florence Day parade goers! A big thank you to Ray Hogan for popping so much popcorn that I could hardly get the bag in my car. Thank you to Jody Wells-Padron for her help with set-up. Becky Hurt applied over 400 VBS labels to our Mardi Gras cups and then helped on Saturday to hand them out. Gloria Sorensen, Barb Stacy and Rich Wismont rounded out our team and worked non-stop during the parade as our “customers” kept us very busy! Sincere thanks to all! —Dixie Gerhart

**BLOOD DRIVE THANKS YOU** – The Red Cross thanks all of the donors that came to the blood drive at Mt Olive Lutheran Church on May 4, 2019. They collected 9 pints of blood. You have helped save 27 lives.

**PASCHAL CANDLE** – The Paschal candle burns near the altar through the Day of Pentecost and then it is placed near the baptismal font and lit for baptisms. For funerals it stands at the head of the casket. The paschal candle represents the risen Christ shining in the splendor of the resurrection. The five wax nails represent Christ’s five wounds.

**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.

**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.

May 19  
Mark Flemmer

May 20  
Lorraine Irwin

May 21  
Nancy Stierle

May 23  
Josh Fitzgerrald

May 24  
Lorna Kinney  
Kathy Mansfield  
Helen Norris