



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *(Pr. 8)*

June 30, 2019

When people are confronted by the claims of Jesus, they sometimes reject Him. We see this in today's Gospel as an entire Samaritan village rejects Jesus. The cost of following Jesus is high. We see Jesus set His face to go to Jerusalem, to go toward suffering and death. As we follow Jesus, we must be aware that suffering and death may be where Jesus chooses to lead us. Following Jesus means denying ourselves, picking up our cross daily, and going where Jesus leads. It is a bit sobering, but we trust that Jesus is for us, and whatever trouble we face in this world, we know that Jesus has overcome the world. *(Creative, Yr C, Quarter 3, 2019, p. 22)*

PRELUDE

Lord, Thee I Love With all My Heart
setting by John A. Behnke

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

God makes known to us the path of life;
in His presence, there is fullness of joy.
My heart is glad;
my whole being rejoices.

For freedom, Christ has set us free.

So we stand firm, using our freedom to love one another. *(Creative, Yr C, Qtr 3, 2019, p. 23)*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

That is not how we always use our freedom. We have used our freedom for our own selfish gain, for our own gratification and ambition. As we come into God's house, we confess that we have used His gift of freedom wrongly and plead for His forgiveness.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we have not always used our freedom to love and serve our neighbors. In our freedom we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive and free us from our bondage to sin.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives all your sins and frees you to live as His disciple. 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. We are free to follow Jesus and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

(Creative, Yr C, Quarter 3, 2019, p. 23)

GATHERING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

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**In thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; Our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely Has built securely And stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see thy shining, Dying or living,
To thee are cleaving; Naught us can sever: Alleluia!**

**If he is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of his glory
With heart and voices; All heav'n rejoices In him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love him and praise him
And still shall raise him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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

LSB 943

Congregation



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. (*Sundays and Seasons, Yr C 2019 p. 220*)

Amen.

Sit

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

F I R S T L E S S O N

1 Kings 19:9b-21

Elijah calls Elisha to be his successor.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

M U S I C I N T E R L U D E

I Am The Church
Kids of the Kingdom

—*Sunday School Children*

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Christ has set us free to walk by the Spirit.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (shouted)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Tune ELW p. 124, Text Sundays Year C 2019 p.220)

S124

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

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *(John 6:68)*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus says to follow Him and not look back.

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

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

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

Stand

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

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

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**"Come, follow me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take My example for your guide."**

**"I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should sojourn here below."**

**My heart abounds in lowliness; My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.**

**"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation;
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed,
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

A P O S T L E S ' C R E E D

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 the 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

Assisting: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (pause) Dear heavenly Father, many in this world have rejected Your Son and His grace. Soften their hearts, Lord, that they hear Your Word and receive You with joy and gladness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Lord, many people in this world are in captivity. In Your infinite wisdom, liberate those who are held by evil and unjust people and systems. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving and held captive by the power of death. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Lord, raise up faithful leaders who are committed to liberty and justice. Oppose all those who would use others for their own ambition and pride. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help, hope, and freedom among Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially Marge Eastman, Mary Hogue, Rev. Roland Jank, Sr., and Emily Standley*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Dear heavenly Father, send Your servants to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message of freedom, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assisting: Lord, we give you thanks for the many faithful years of service you have provided us through Pastor Jank. You have blessed him to be a blessing to us. Be with him as he transitions into another chapter in his life and give him joy as he finds new avenues to serve You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen. (*Creative, Yr C, Quarter 3, 2019, p. 27*)

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 are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision
setting by John Leavitt

Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision O Ruler of all.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God

For the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Sundays & Seasons p. 210)

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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (*ELW Leader's Guide, Setting 2, p. 224*)

SANCTUS

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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. 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

ELW p. 108, #1

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

ELW p 153

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
 Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
 Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding.
 Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.**

*Left: Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
 Joy will follow all our sadness; Where he is there is no loss.
 Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
 All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
 Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.*

*Right: Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
 Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of his creation.
 Jesus, unto you I die, There to live with you on high.*

**Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,
 We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be
 In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.
 Jesus, if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

**Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me depart;
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust thy Word.**

Cantor: Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify thy lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile, Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death thy comfort still afford.

**Lord, let at last thine angels come, To Abr'hams bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise thee without end!**

Stand

REMEMBER TO TURN MICROPHONE ON

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

Sit

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God
setting by Michael Rosewall

Choir

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, the Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon, peace, and freedom in this Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in our freedom to love and serve our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (*Creative Yr C, qtr. 3 2019 p. 31*)

Amen.

S E N D I N G

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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**O Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;
Remain forever near me, My master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle If you are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, then draw nearer To shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking In accents clear and still
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
Now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised To all who follow you
That where you are in glory Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised To serve you to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, My master and my friend.**

DISMISSAL

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

P O S T L U D E

Toccata on the Doxology

Darwin Wolford

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N E X T S U N D A Y – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Pr. 9 (Year C): Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-7; Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18; Luke 10:1-20

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Alexis Brown
ASSISTING MINISTER -----Mark Sorensen
CANTOR -----Sarah Callahan
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS -----Joel Jank, Michael Jank
LECTOR -----Max Williams
PREACHER-----Rev. Russ Sommerfeld
PRESIDER ----- Rev. Roland A. Jank, Jr.

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	115	Bible Class.....	41
Communion.....	89	Offering	4279
Sunday School	13	Needed Weekly	5300
Staff.....	2	Specials.....	85

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 4

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - WORSHIP ----- 9:00 A.M.
 RECEPTION-----10:20 A.M.
 HYMN FESTIVAL-----4:00 P.M.
 RETIREMENT DINNER-----6:00 P.M.
 WEDNESDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION -----5:30 P.M.
 THURSDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY
 SUNDAY WORSHIP ----- 9:00 A.M.
 RECEPTION-----10:20 A.M.
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

ADULT BIBLE CLASS – No Adult Bible Class this morning. Beginning next Sunday, “The Truth Project,” a video-based series will begin under the leadership Dr. Victor Padron and Mike Townsend, Jr. You will be challenged and encouraged.

TODAY — Former Nebraska District President Rev. Russ Sommerfeld is with us this morning to preach and help us mark Pastor Jank’s last Sunday as our called pastor after 45 years. He lives in Seward, Nebraska, and is on the theology faculty of Concordia University—Nebraska in Seward. Following the service, there will be a fellowship reception in Luther Hall instead of the normal Education Hour. Remember the Hymn Festival at 4:00 P.M. with Dr. John Bernthal from Valparaiso, Indiana as our guest organist. The day concludes with a Retirement Dinner and Celebration at the Scouler Ballroom at 6:00 P.M.

RETIREMENT DINNER PARKING — A Retirement Dinner and Celebration will be held this evening at the Scouler Ballroom, 2027 Dodge St. Attendance is by reservation only. There are two levels of on-site parking, with entrances from Dodge or Douglas Streets. There are 6 handicap parking stalls in the Dodge Street parking area. This lot is connected to the lower (Douglas Street) lot. The main doors have a circular drop off area and the handicap accessible entrance and ramp is to the right of those doors. We will also have church members directing traffic in the parking lot.

PASTOR JANK'S SERVICE — We thank God for blessing our congregation by making Pastor Roland Jank, Jr. a blessing among us. He was ordained and installed here in early September of 1974 as our Assistant Pastor. Then he became our sole pastor beginning in 1977. He and his wife, Suzan, have been blessed with three children (Nathan, Rachel, and Sarah) during his years here in Omaha and they now have seven grandchildren. As he steps aside from his pastoral duties here, know that his family will continue to be a vital part of our congregation. We pray that God will open up new avenues for his service in this the next chapter of his life.

CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY — Jill Clausen begins as our new Church Office Secretary this week. She has been mentored for the past several months for this position by her good friend and our long time secretary, Teresa Kuti. Jill knows our congregation well, as she and her family have been longtime Mount Olive members. Her transition should go smoothly. We have been blessed for the last 16+ years with faithful service from Teresa and we ask God to bless her efforts as she leaves us to prepare to become a nurse.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION — The annual Independence Day Fireworks Celebration and Cookout will be this Wednesday, July 3. You won't want to miss this annual celebration held at the Kosch's residence from 5:30—10:30 p.m. Mount Olive and all of its family, neighbors, and friends are welcome to join in. There will be bounce houses for the kids, a bonfire, trampoline, horseshoes, chicken rides, swing sets, and lots of food. Grilling will start at 6:00 P.M. with hotdogs, brats, buns, chips, salads, plates, utensils, condiments, ice water and lemonade, all provided. You are invited to bring a bag of chips or dip, or a dessert to share if you like. There will be a DJ with music and karaoke. At 10:00 P.M. "Big Bob's Fireworks choreographed to Music Extravaganza" will begin. Come for the food or fireworks or both! All are welcome. The address is 12652 County Road 36, Blair, NE, 68008. If you would like directions, please check out the flyer on the north hallway bulletin board. If you get lost, please call 402-253-7324.

CELEBRATION — The next *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon will be Wednesday, July 10. We are eating at Henry's Diner, 836 Old Lincoln Hwy, Crescent, IA. Let's meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and car pool. Please rsvp to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

VBS — *Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World* is the theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School on July 22-26, 2019. 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 today. There is no cost to participate. Children ages 4 years to 6th grade are welcome. - Jody Wells-Padron

SCHOLARSHIP — The Mount Olive Scholarship Committee has awarded the 2019-2020 scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Tyvon Smith, a 2019 graduate of Omaha North High Magnet School. He is the son of a single mom and is seeking a career in urban planning/real estate. In addition to numerous academic honors and part-time and summer work, he has been an active community volunteer and participant in community activities.

ELECTRONIC GIVING DOESN'T TAKE VACATIONS — This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Mount Olive relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Pick up an authorization form from Max Williams or from the Church Office. We thank you for your continued support!

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE — For those who need to avoid alcohol and yet want to commune with their fellow Mount Olive brothers and sisters, the very center glass in each communion tray has non-alcoholic wine in it for your reception. We encourage its use. Please speak with Pastor Jank if you have questions.

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.

July 2
Marjorie Eastman

July 3
Rome Motiejaitis

July 4
Madison Webb

July 5
Rita Wiley