



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(PR. 22)
October 4, 2020

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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Good morning and welcome! Let us worship God who creates all things, came as Jesus to save the world and breathes life into us through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Vacancy Pastor

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In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

To reduce particle transmission please stay seated throughout the service and maintain a minimum six foot distance from others.

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Thankful People, Come

LBW 407

**Come, you thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, does provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord, our God shall come And shall take his harvest home.
From his field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come To your final harvest home.
Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In your garner to abide.
Come with all your angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.
Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

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



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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

W O R D
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

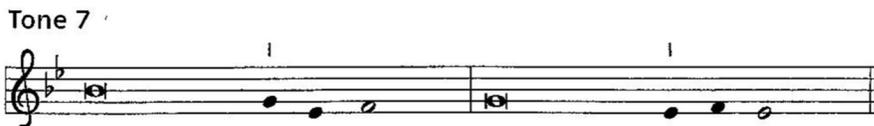
The song of the vineyard of the Lord.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild

grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! (NRSV)

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

P S A L M 80 : 7 - 15 (*antiphon v. 7*)



Cantor: Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!
You brought a vine out of | Egypt;* you drove out the nations and | planted it.

Cantor: You cleared the | ground for it;* it took deep root and | filled the land.
The mountains were covered | with its shade,* the mighty cedars with its | branches.

Cantor: It sent out its branches | to the sea* and its shoots to the | River.
Why then have you broken | down its walls,* so that all who pass along the way | pluck its fruit?

Cantor: The boar from the forest rav- | ages it,* and all that move in the field | feed on it.
Turn again, O | God of hosts!* Look down from | heaven, and see;

Cantor: have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand | planted,* and for the son whom you made strong | for yourself.
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: Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

Heaven, our goal, is the fruit of Jesus' resurrection victory.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation–refrain, Cantor–verse

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

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

Cantor: Jesus says, I chose you and ap- | pointed you* to go and bear fruit | that will last. *(John 15:16)*

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son.

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

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

[Jesus said:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

S E R M O N

The Season for Fruit (and Work) Draws Near

Text: Matthew 21:34

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling

LBW 381

**Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calls you; Rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I. Send me, send me"?"**

**If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.**

**If you cannot be a watchmen, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God
demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I. Send me, send me!"**

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

Let us pray for the whole people, . . . Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Into Your hands. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

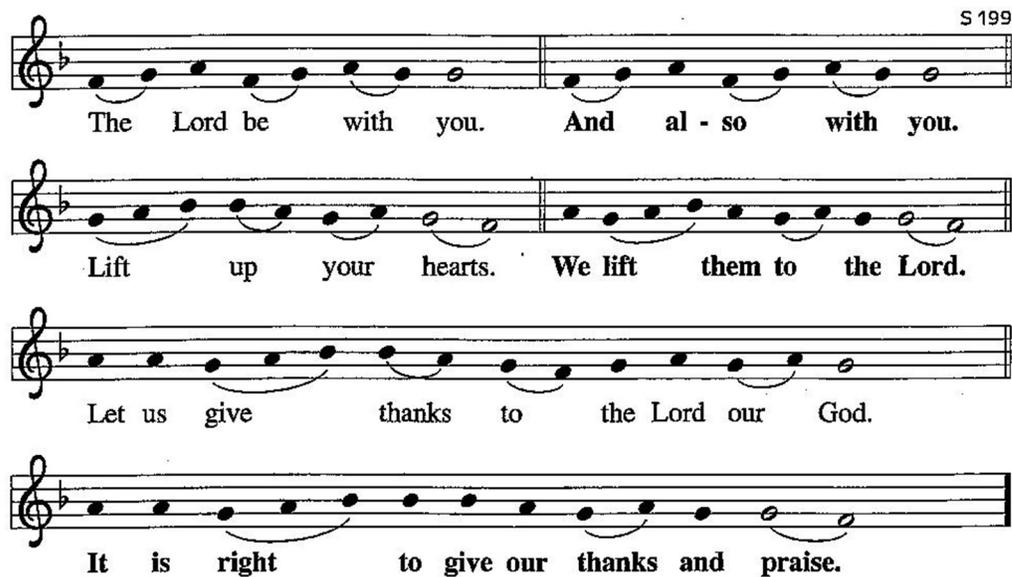
OFFERING PRAYER

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 al - so with you.

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

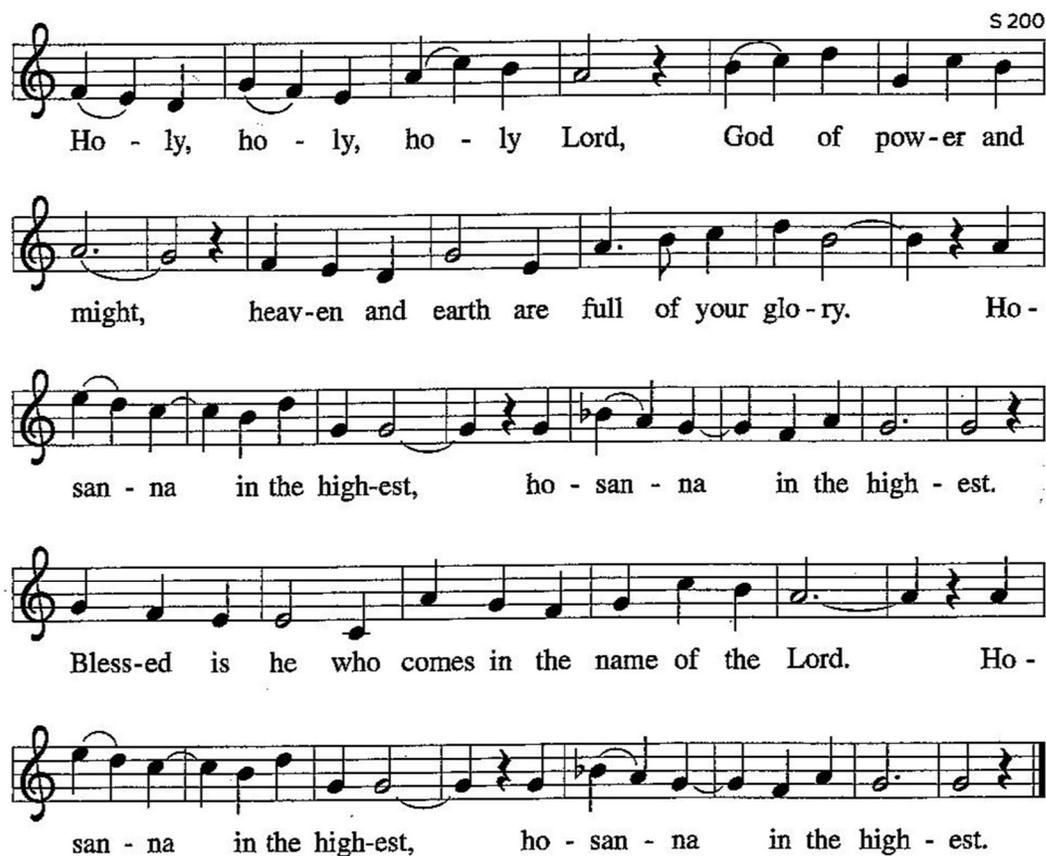
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

S 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.

E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

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



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

Remembering, therefore, . . . Your holy church now and forever.



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

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I N V I T A T I O N

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

D I S T R I B U T I O N

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.

Please stay masked as you come forward when directed to do so. Avoid kneeling or touching the communion rail. At the Pastor's direction remove the seal and eat the bread, flip the cup, remove the seal and drink the wine. Dispose of cup and seals in containers provided.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing
Cantor-verse 1

LSB 691

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase,
Fruit to life eternal growing, Rich in love and joy and peace.*

**Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless;
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.**

**Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,
Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.**

**Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease;
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

WOV 731

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WOV 747

**Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;
And your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

**Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

S E N D I N G

We Go Forth With God's Blessing To Serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

When departing the Sanctuary please allow the pews in the back to leave first. Use side aisles as needed to maintain social distancing and avoid congregating in the hallways.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

WOV 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 thine the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.**

**Thine the kingdom thine the prize thine the wonderful 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. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

To reduce particle transmission please take your bulletins with you.

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NEXT SUNDAY — The 19th Sunday after Pentecost-Pr. 23 (Year A): Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

LAY MINISTER----- Galen Behr
LECTOR----- Marsha Behr
CANTOR ----- Mark Flemmer
ACOLYTE ----- Alexis Brown

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
	BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING----- 10:10 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20 A.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	BIBLE STUDY ----- 10:00 A.M.
	MIDWEEK WORSHIP ----- 6:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	THURSDAY MATINEE----- 2:00 P.M.
	CALL COMMITTEE MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
	ADULT BIBLE CLASS/ZOOM----- 10:20-11:20A.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS----- 10:30 A.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES – Adult Bible Class and Fellowship will take place today at 10:20 in Luther Hall. Pastor Moorhead will discuss the Gospel Reading for today. It can also be joined via a Zoom meeting. The link to do that is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3912069426> Meeting ID is 391 206 9426. **Youth Confirmation Class** meets Sunday mornings from 10:30 –noon. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is offered every Wednesday at 10:00 in Luther Hall. The discussion is recorded and available on our YouTube and Facebook sites. **Women’s Bible Study** takes place the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 P.M. They are currently studying Ruth. **Children’s Sunday School** is currently on hold. For more information on any of these groups please see the monthly newsletter, *The Mount Olive Messenger*.

OVERFLOW SEATING — Our service is also being streamed in Luther Hall for anyone who would prefer more social distancing.

HOLY COMMUNION — We are now using pre-packaged bread and wine. If you would like to commune without consuming alcohol please speak to an usher or the Lay Minister.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING — Starting today Health Ministry will resume twice monthly blood pressure screenings in the church library following worship.

SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK — Anniversaries: 10/4 Mike & Kristi Townsend; 10/9 Stephanie & Jerry Markham; 10/10 Robbie & Tamra Moffett; Cindy & William Wilbanks Birthdays: 10/4 Austin Wegner, 10/9 Hailey Standley, Bob Wegner.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE — In addition to our regular Sunday service, an evening worship service with Holy Communion is now available every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING — Starting today Health Ministry will resume monthly blood pressure screenings in the church library.

MEN’S GROUP — The Men’s Group will begin meeting soon. Contact Tim Lorang at 402-578-8338 for details.

DOOR OFFERING — Brian & Amie Rikke's son (David) and daughter-in-law (Sarah) suffered a house fire. What the fire and water did not damage, the smoke finished off. They will be living with Brian and Amie for the next few months. A door offering will be collected on their behalf today and next Sunday. We hope to get some additional help from Thrivent. Whether you donate at church or mail an offering in please make your check payable to Mount Olive and notate "David & Sarah Rikke Fund".

PROJECT HOPE THANKSGIVING — Mount Olive has been asked to help donate 200 spice cake mixes and 200 15oz. cans of pumpkin. If you have difficulty finding these items you may substitute carrot cake mix and 15 oz. jar of applesauce. Please place your grocery items in the box marked Project Hope in the lobby of the church (near the restrooms). You can also contribute financially by going to the Project Hope website at [www. ProjectHopeOmaha.org](http://www.ProjectHopeOmaha.org) or by putting an offering in the plate marked “Project Hope Thanksgiving”. Contributions will be delivered November 2nd.

YOUTUBE — Sunday services and other videos will be available on the Mount Olive YouTube channel. Subscribe to our channel (Mount Olive Lutheran Church Omaha) on YouTube or by visiting our Facebook page. Our YouTube channel can also be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3HE6an5bZa1Ba0sQRIJCmQ>

Praying for Our Parish in 2020

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

October 6
Addison Wheeler

October 9
Hailey Standley

October 10
Ray Hogan

October 10
Alea Wegner
Alex Wegner