



May 10, 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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This Mother’s Day we thank God for the special women in our lives while remembering Jesus’ declaration: “Anyone who does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:35, NLT). As Jesus’ own family, let us worship God together now.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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This Sunday’s image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John’s gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION

Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hid, and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. Except for the promise of Christ, I could not hope for reconciliation and peace. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Blue 795

O sing to the Lord! O sing God a new song. *(three times)*

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord! And God has done wonders. *(three times)*

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

So dance for our God And blow all the trumpets. *(three times)*

And sing to our God, And sing to our God.

O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spirit. *(three times)*

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! (three times)
O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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 rest for two 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 half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bottom staff is for the Congregation, with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a half note G3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics 'Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)' are written below the middle staff. The text '... let us pray to the Lord:' is written above the middle staff. The word 'Cantor' is written above the top staff.

Kyrie eleison (KIH-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 10:34-48

Peter preaches and the Spirit is poured out on the Gentiles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 98:1-3

Sing Ye
setting by Richard Wienhorst

Choir

Sing ye unto the Lord. Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song. Alleluia.
For He hath done marvelous things. The Lord hath made known His salvation.
Alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-8

The victory of faith.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

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.”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- | ther will love them,* and we will come to them and make our | home with them. (*John 14:23*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus is our Friend, who commands us to love one another.



The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard

from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Not What You Know But Whom You Know
Stand

John 15:9-17

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

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

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**Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict’ry won.
What price our ransom cost him!**

**God said to his beloved Son: “It’s time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of my crown, And bring to all salvation;
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever.”**

**The Son obeyed his Father’s will, Was born of virgin mother;
And, God’s good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow’r disguised he bore, A servant’s form, like mine, he wore
To lead the devil captive.**

**To me he said: “Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle;
For I am yours, and you are mine, And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.”**

**“Though he will shed my precious blood, Of life me thus bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict’ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin;
And you are blest forever.”**

**“Now to my Father I depart, From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble he will comfort you And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.”**

**What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.”**

N I C E N E C R E E D

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

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

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

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

**. . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

. . . through 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 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

Oh, Love, How Deep
setting by Aaron David Miller

Piano

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortal's sake!

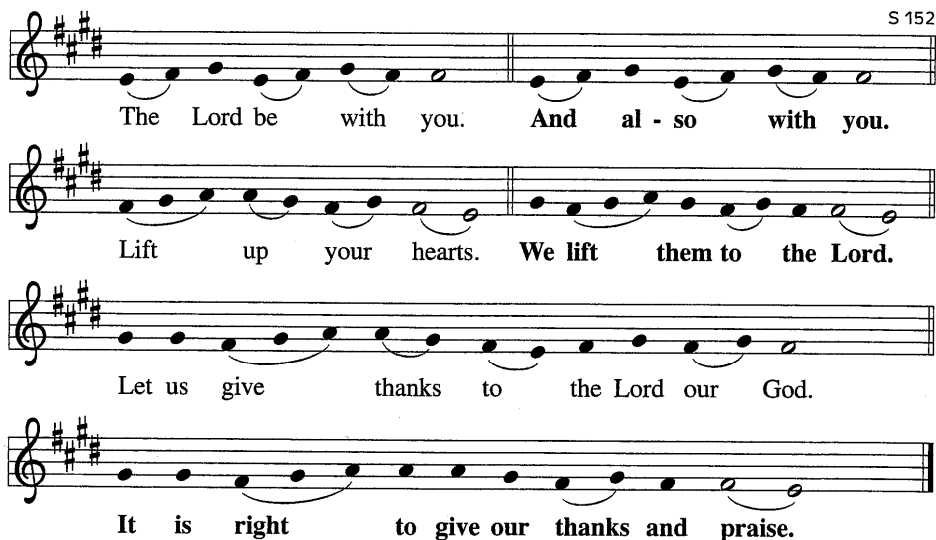
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

P R E F A C E

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

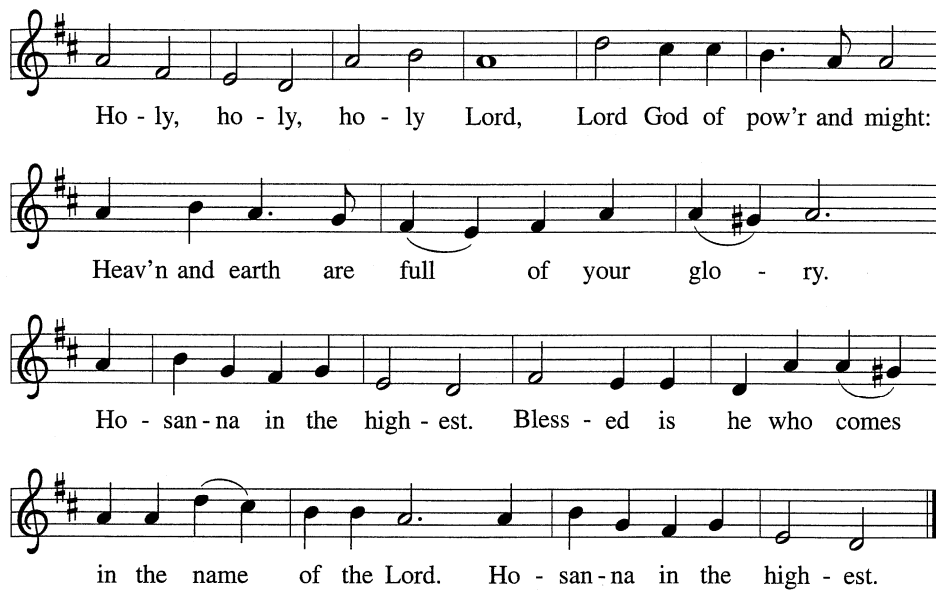
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:

S A N C T U S



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

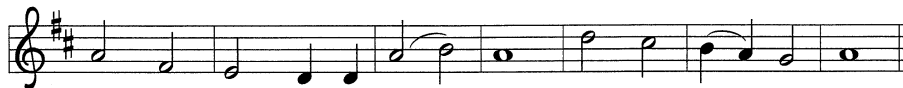
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

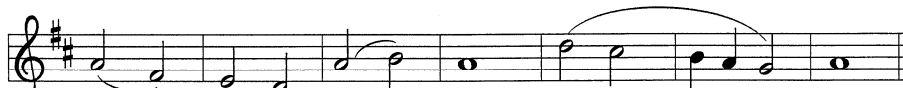
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

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



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

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....

Sit

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

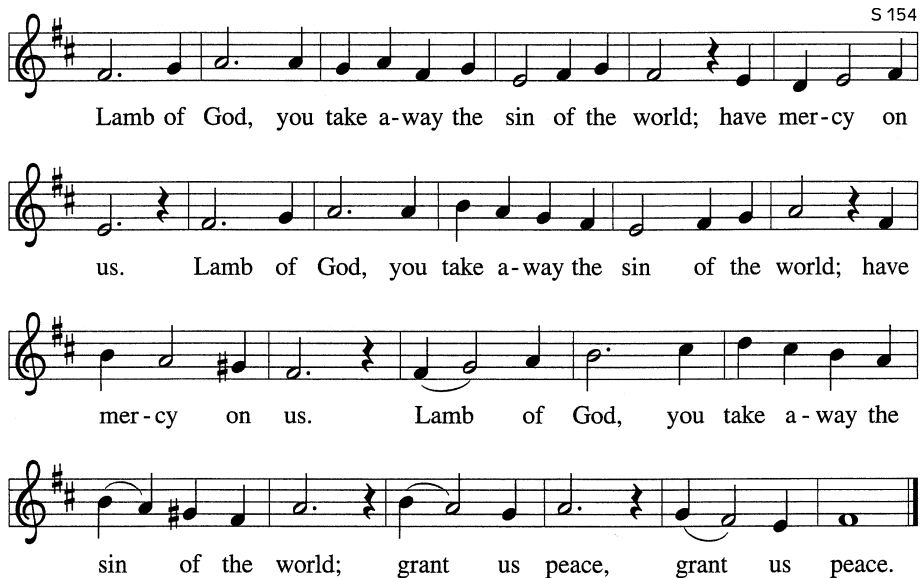
Amen.

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

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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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Green 439

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Green 126

st. 1 - cantor

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

Blue 666

st. 1 - cantor

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore

Green 551

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect
Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Shelby Poitra
 ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Arnie Jacobson
 CANTOR -----Mark Flemmer
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Mary Hahn, Jackie Headid
 LECTOR -----Mark Sorensen
 PERCUSSION -----Mark Flemmer, Sarah Jank

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	135	Bible Class	43
Communion.....	114	Offering	3978
Sunday School	23	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	5	Specials	239

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 2

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

MONDAY - LWML/COSMO----- 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY - MT. OLIVE BOOK CLUB ----- 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - LAST CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY - MT. OLIVE BLOOD DRIVE--- 7:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
 ELL To DURHAM WESTERN HERITAGE - 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
 TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY ----- 10:20 A.M.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ----- 11:30 A.M.
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

Praying for Our Parish in 2015

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

May 10
 Alex Johnson
 Mary Seefus

May 13
 Albert Hogue
 Aryanna Hogue
 Austin Wegner

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class on St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

MOTHER'S DAY – “Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31:28-29.

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE — The Red Cross will be visiting Mount Olive this Saturday, May 16th, from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please help save a life. To schedule your donation, please contact Bonnie White at 402-496-7682 or bjhjwhite@cox.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY — Next Sunday, May 17, we will honor our Sunday School teachers. Please encourage your child to make a card or write a thank you to his or her teacher thanking her for all that she does.

CAMP LUTHER — It is time to begin summer planning. Camp Luther (in Schuyler, NE), a camp for the Nebraska District of the LCMS, has a mission of *Sharing the Love of Christ in Churches, Communities, and God's Great Outdoors!* Mount Olive does offer assistance to students attending Camp Luther. If you are interested in receiving monetary aid, please pick up an application off of the bulletin board in the Sunday School stairwell and return it to the church office no later than May 17th. For more information, visit the website <http://www.campluther.org>. - **Betsy Kosch**, Director, Board of Christian Education

WEEKLY WEEDERS NEEDED — Volunteers are needed weekly to pull weeds in our church lawn on Fridays or Saturdays. Sign up in weekly increments on the sheet on the bulletin board in the north hallway. Questions? Email Paul Kosch at paul.kosch@ops.org

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY — Brighten up those smiles! A dedicated group of volunteers is working with Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to bring you a new pictorial directory. Portraits will be taken Wednesday and Thursday, June 3 and June 4 and Wednesday, June 17. More detailed scheduling information will be available soon. If you have any questions or would like to serve on the pictorial directory task force, please call Dixie Gerhart, 402-453-6707.

VOLUNTEERS — Are you interested in volunteering at the new Nelson Mandela School this fall? There is a need for volunteers to help in the library, music supervisor (no talent needed), cafeteria, reading, and much more. Some of the jobs require a background check. Call the church office at 402-455-8700 or talk to Marilyn Beig if you can help.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY — Mt. Olive and St. John are joining together Saturday, June 20, to help at a Habitat for Humanity build. Reserve that date. Details later.

OUR MISSIONARIES — We invite your continued prayerful and financial support of our missionaries abroad: Julie Lutz and family in Papua, New Guinea (medical missionary), and Sharon Owens and family in Macau. Note their letters on the north hall bulletin board. Remember in prayer also POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) as it seeks new missionaries to serve Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha.

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.