

O Lord
you know
every
heart

The text is written in a bold, black, calligraphic font. The words are arranged in four lines: 'O Lord', 'you know', 'every', and 'heart'. The text is surrounded by several hand-drawn hearts of various sizes and patterns, including solid black, stippled, and cross-hatched. The overall style is artistic and expressive.

ACTS 1:24

May 17, 2015

SEVENTH 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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**Welcome to worship and Christian fellowship!
Please greet one another in Christ's name.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

This Sunday is a bridge between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. This is a time of waiting and yet not without its own purpose. For the disciples, this was a time of regrouping. The empty spot left by Judas was to be filled by another who was with them a witness of Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. Perhaps we would find it daunting to be a successor to Judas, but the Church was not focused backwards rather forward looking. One was chosen, and the Church readied for what God would do on Pentecost. God is still choosing us, by the voice of the Gospel calling and the waters of Baptism setting us apart as His own and for His glory.

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Blue 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!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

**RITE OF BAPTISM FOR SALLY SHAMSELDIN HASSAN,
GRANT ALEXANDER WEGNER AND ISABELLA ROSE
WEGNER**

People of God, do you promise to support Sally, Grant and Isabella and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Following the baptism, join the cantor in singing several times:

You Belong To Christ

st. 3 - cantor descant

You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap-tized.

al-le-lu-ia.

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

Assisting: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISM HYMN

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

Tune: Land of Rest (331)

**This is the Spirit's entry now: the water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.**

**This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;
The sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.**

**Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day
To rise again by his design as foll'wers of his way.**

**Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r
That washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:12-26

Matthias is chosen to be numbered with the apostles.

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-15

God's perfect love for us drives out all fear.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Turn as the cross passes.

Cantor: I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.* I am com- | ing to you.

(John 14:18)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

H O L Y G O S P E L

John 17:11b-19

Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.



The Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Chosen By God

Acts 1:12-26

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Green 364

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By your praying, by your willing That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God 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

Be Still, My Soul

Choir

text Katherine von Schlegel, music Jean Sibelius, setting John Purifoy

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to you God to order and provide,
In ev'ry change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
To guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

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

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.

S 152

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

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

S 153



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

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.

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Green 476

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.

find - ing: the Way that comes from God and
 know - ing: the Truth that comes from God and
 hav - ing: the Life that comes from God and

leads to God, the realm where
 leads to God, the power to
 leads to God, the hope of

God is love and love is King, a whole new
 set us free, the power to change, that fac - es
 glo - ry on - ly Christ can give, that shat - ters

or - der for a world a - stray? Who wants to
 Pi - late and the cross and wins? Who wants to
 death and grief with Eas - ter joy? Who wants to

live where there's no love like this?
 live where there's no peace like this?
 live where there's no joy like this?

Is this the King - dom we are
 Is this the Pow - er we are
 Is this the Glo - ry we are

To Refrain

read - y for and des - per - ate to find?
 read - y for and des - per - ate to know?
 read - y for and des - per - ate to have?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – The Day of Pentecost (Year B): Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 139:1-12; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

- ACOLYTE-----Shelby Poitra
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Arnie Jacobson
CANTOR -----Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS -----Chelsea Standley, Emily Standley
FRENCH HORN-----Mark Sorensen
LECTOR -----Mark Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Table with 2 columns: Activity and Count. Rows include Worship Attendance (139), Communion (112), Sunday School (21), Staff (6), Bible Class (50), Offering (3133), Needed Weekly (4824), and Specials.

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

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 19
Mark Flemmer

May 20
Lorraine Irwin

May 21
Nancy Stierle

May 23
Josh Fitzgarrald

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

TODAY	-	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.
WEDNESDAY	-	CITIZENSHIP & LAB----- 6:30 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY		CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION----- 9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.

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

HOLY BAPTISM — Sally Hassan, daughter of James Yar and Maha Ahmed, and Grant Wegner and Isabella Wegner, children of Michael Wegner, are all being baptized into God's Kingdom of Grace and our congregational family this morning. We welcome them and pray that they will continue to grow up into Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY — Today, May 17, we honor our Sunday School teachers and thank them for their service.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY — Today after the Education Hour is our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation and congregational leaders for the next two years will be elected.

NEXT SUNDAY — Wear red for the Day of Pentecost.

CAMP LUTHER — Today is the deadline for camp scholarships for 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 today.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES — Emily Johnson from Fort Calhoun High School, Jessica Moffett from Omaha North High School, Wesley Padron, Master's Degree in Health Administration from University of Missouri, Hailey Standley from Millard South High School, Kelsea Townsend from Omaha Burke High School.

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. Sign up in the narthex today. If you have any questions, 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.