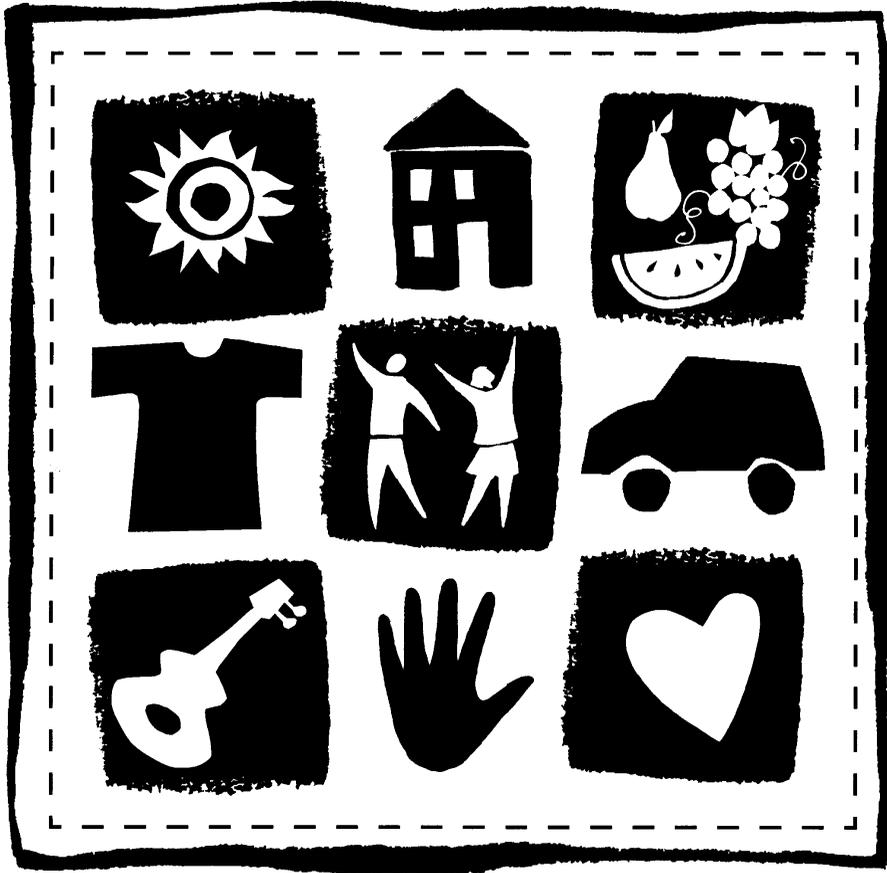


FOR THE LORD HAS DEALT



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September 13, 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PR. 19)

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816



Sunday Worship .....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.  
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Email: MountOlv@msn.com    Website: mountoliveomaha.com

**Welcome to worship, fellowship and a new year of Christian education! Please take a moment to greet those sitting near you — longtime friends and new ones.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist



**16th Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 13, 2015**

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As the new school year begins in many places, our focus turns to what is taught and how it is learned. Much of education centers on our usage of words and the ways we communicate. God constantly communicates with His people through His Word, and His people use words to respond to Him. In His High Priestly Prayer, Jesus asks that His heavenly Father sanctify His disciples in the truth, saying plainly, “Your word is truth.” In worship, we hear words of divine truth and respond to them faithfully and joyfully.

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**Stand**

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

**INVOCATION**

## OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 25:4-5; 86:11-12; 119:159-160*)

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

**Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.**

Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

**I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever.**

Consider how I love Your precepts! Give me life according to Your steadfast love.

**The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The Small Catechism informs and directs us about confession with these words:

**Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**Amen.**

Let it be done for you as you believe. 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, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Green 559

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears And bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.**

**To God all glory, praise and love Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

**Congregation**

*Refrain* S 185

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

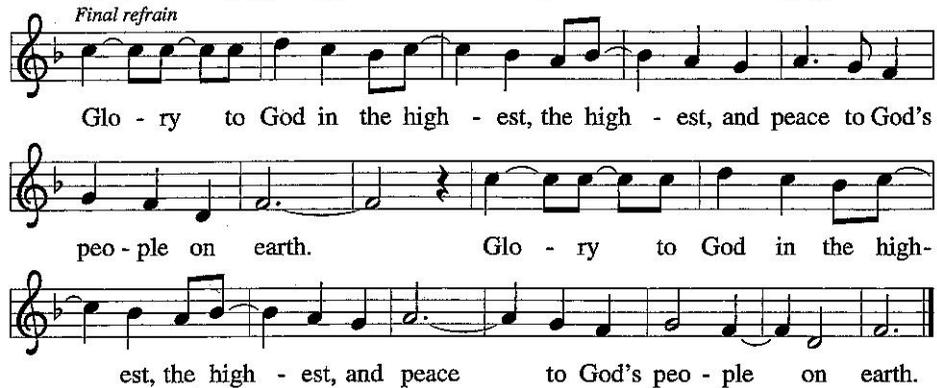
Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen.

### Congregation

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

#### WORD

We Hear God's Word.

### FIRST LESSON

#### Isaiah 50:4-10

Trust in the Lord even in the midst of pain.

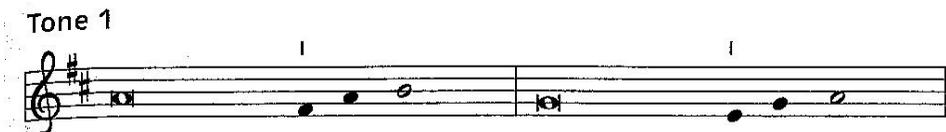
*The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the Lord*

*and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the Lord and relies upon his God?*

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 116:1-9 (*antiphon, v. 5*)



Cantor: Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;\* our God is | merciful.

Cantor: I love the Lord, because | he has heard\* my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

**Because he inclined his | ear to me,\* therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.**

Cantor: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\* I suffered distress and | anguish.

**Then I called on the name | of the Lord:\* “O Lord, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”**

Cantor: Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;\* our God is | merciful.

**The Lord preserves the | simple;\* when I was brought low, he | saved me.**

Cantor: Return, O my soul, | to your rest;\* for the Lord has dealt bountifully | with you.

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,\* my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

Cantor: I will walk be- | fore the Lord\* in the land of the | living.

**Glorify 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: Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;\* our God is | merciful.

## SECOND LESSON

### **James 3:1-12**

Dangers of the unbridled tongue.

*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the*

*mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.*

The Word of the Lord.

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

Stand

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

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

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: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for | the unrighteous;\* in order to bring | you to God. (*1 Pet. 3:18*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

### Mark 9:14-29

Jesus casts out a spirit.



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

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

*When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

S E R M O N

**I Believe And I Don't**

**Mark 9:14-29**

**Stand**

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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Tune: Beach Spring (423)

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

**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.**

#### **S H A R I N G   O F   T H E   P E A C E**

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**

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<p>We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.</p>
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#### **G A T H E R I N G   O F   T I T H E S   A N D   O F F E R I N G S**

*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

Lord, Make Me An Instrument  
*text, St. Francis of Assisi, music, Aaron Garber*

Choir

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## OFFERING PRAYER

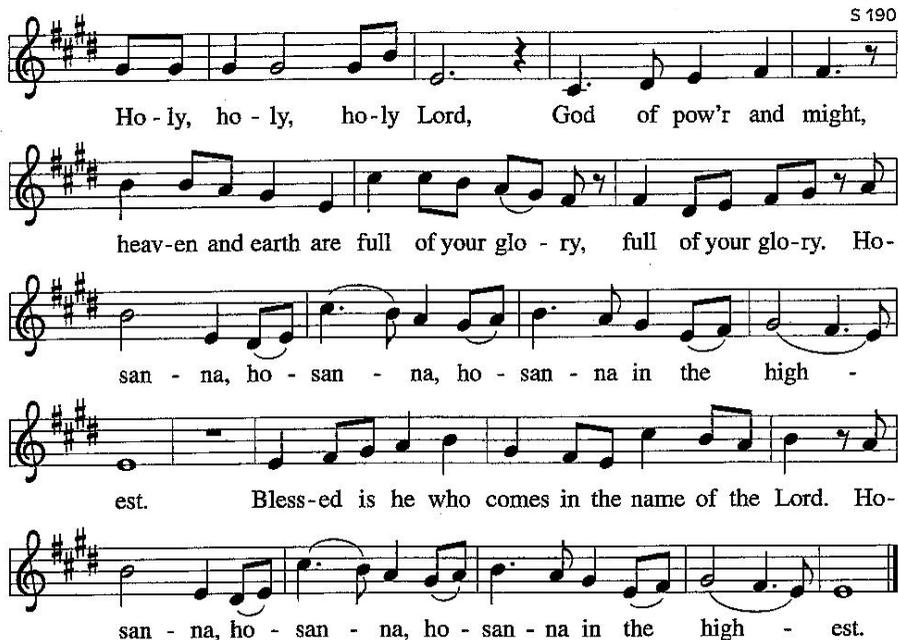
Blessed are you,  
**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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, . . .we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
Remembering, therefore, . . . in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

## INVITATION

Come, be fed, be healed.  
**Amen.**

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

*If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 191



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, Lamb of God.

Take My Life

Green 406

In the Morning, When I Rise

Blue 777

O God, My Faithful God

Green 504

Stand

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

Green 393

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**N E X T S U N D A Y** – The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost (Year B, Pr. 20):  
 Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

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

**ACOLYTE** ----- Shelby Poitra  
**ASSISTING MINISTER** ----- Galen Behr  
**CANTOR** ----- Melissa Lorang  
**EUCARISTIC GIFTS** ----- Robbie and Tamra Moffett, Sr.  
**LECTOR** ----- Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	92	Bible Class .....	31
Communion.....	81	Offering .....	4947
Sunday School .....	7	Needed Weekly .....	4824
Staff.....	6	Specials .....	

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

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

**TODAY** - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ----- 11:30 A.M.  
 YOUTH GROUP OUTING ----- 11:30 A.M.  
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS ----- 3:30 P.M.

**MONDAY** - ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ---- 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

**TUESDAY** - COSMO/LWML ----- 6:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY** - CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.  
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ---- 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.  
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.

**SUNDAY** WORSHIP ----- 9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING  
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE  
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in a new study called *God Connects*. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

**ADULT CHOIR** — Choir rehearsals have begun on Wednesdays at 7:45 P.M. An exciting, but challenging year is planned. The choir sings weekly and helps lead our worship. Adding your voice to others will multiply your joy and God's service.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** — Today at 11:30 immediately following the Christian Education Hour. The year's Planned Parish Program will be presented.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** — Fall session begins this afternoon, September 13, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

**September 13, 2015 (B)**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ELL** — The next session of English classes begins Monday, September 14th. If you are interested in participating in this exciting mission, please contact Marsha Behr (402-250-1269). We are in need of a teacher and a couple of helpers. No experience is necessary. Classes will be taught on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. You can volunteer once per month, every other week or every week....we are flexible! If you are not able to join, we appreciate your prayers for the staff and students who come.

**COSMO/LWML** — COSMO/LWML will be meeting the third Tuesday night of the month this year, starting September 15, 6:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. We have a Bible study followed by snacks. We will be discussing this year's mission projects and setting our goals. Our group is also a modified ChristCare group, and we always have time for prayer and sharing. All ladies of the congregation are invited to become "the church lady".

**GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE** — St. John's Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive on Saturday, September 19th, from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM. To schedule an appointment, please contact Frances Revord at 402-359-1171.

**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 Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, the new POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) missionaries working with Arabic speaking immigrants here in metro Omaha.

**STEWARDSHIP** — *Mark 9:24* "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!'" Haven't we often felt like this? Notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity; He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

**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.

September 13  
Alex Just

September 13  
Jo Just

September 14  
Noah Lorang