

Who is
who was
and who
is to come

REVELATION 1:8

November 22, 2015

CHRIST THE KING

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
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Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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**Ruler of creation, reign in my heart,
and give me faith to trust and follow your lead. Amen.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



Christ the King

November 22, 2015

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand and face the back.

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for ev'ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Almighty God, as we stand before Your holy throne, we confess our unworthiness to be in Your presence. Your Law is perfect and true. We are by nature sinful, and we have failed to do what Your Law commands, and we have done what You tell us not to do. Even when we are unaware of it, our sin separates us from Your holy presence. By the grace You show us in the salvation of Jesus Christ, clothe us in His righteousness, which we wear as Your baptized children. Renew our hearts and strengthen our confidence in You and the free gift of Your righteousness. Amen.

Almighty God, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for Jesus' sake, He forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as 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.

GATHERING HYMN

At the Name of Jesus
turn as the cross passes

Green 179

**At the name of Jesus Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, Stars upon their way,
All the heav'nly orders In their great array.**

*Left: Humbled for a season, To receive a name
From the lips of sinners Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it Spotless to the last;
Brought it back victorious When from death he passed;*

*Right: Bore it up triumphant With its human light,
Through the ranks of creatures To the central height,
To the throne of God-head, To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory Of that perfect rest.*

**In your hearts enthrone him; There let him subdue
All that is not holy, All that is not true.
Crown him as your captain In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you In its light and pow'r.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus Shall return again
In his Father's glory, With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast of Victory
cantor on verses, congregation on refrain

Congregation

Refrain S 196



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

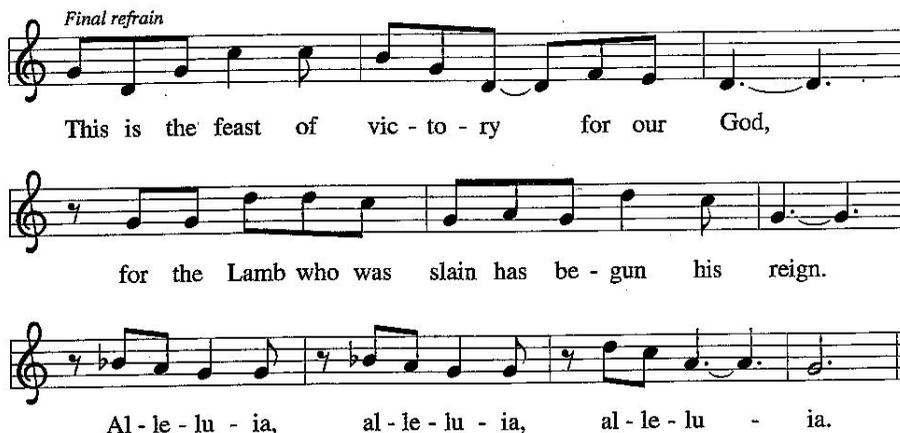
Cantor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Congregation (*refrain*)

Cantor: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Congregation

Final refrain



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, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The Ancient of Days will give dominion to the Messiah.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 93 (*antiphon v. 2*)



Cantor: Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting.

Cantor: The Lord reigns; he is robed in | majesty;* the Lord is robed; he has put on strength | as his belt.

Yes, the world is es- | tablished; * it shall nev- | er be moved.

Cantor: Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted | up their voice; * the floods lift up their | roaring.

Cantor: Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves | of the sea,* the Lord on high is | mighty!

Your decrees are very | trustworthy; * holiness befits your house, O Lord, for- | evermore.

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: Your throne is established | from of old;* you are from ever- | lasting.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

Jesus is the Christ, the Alpha and the Omega.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega,"

says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord.* Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Christ's kingdom is not of this world.



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a

king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Who's In Charge?

John 18:33-27

Stand

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

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
st. 3 - cantor

Green 27

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending, Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.**

Cantor: Those dear tokens of his Passion Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture Gaze we on those
glorious scars!

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, You alone give righteousness and salvation.

. . . let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, You alone give righteousness and salvation. 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

<h3>MEAL</h3>

<p>We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.</p>
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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.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Lift High the Cross

Choir

text by Michael R. Newbolt, arr. by J. Bert Carlson, tune by Sydney H. Nicholson

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

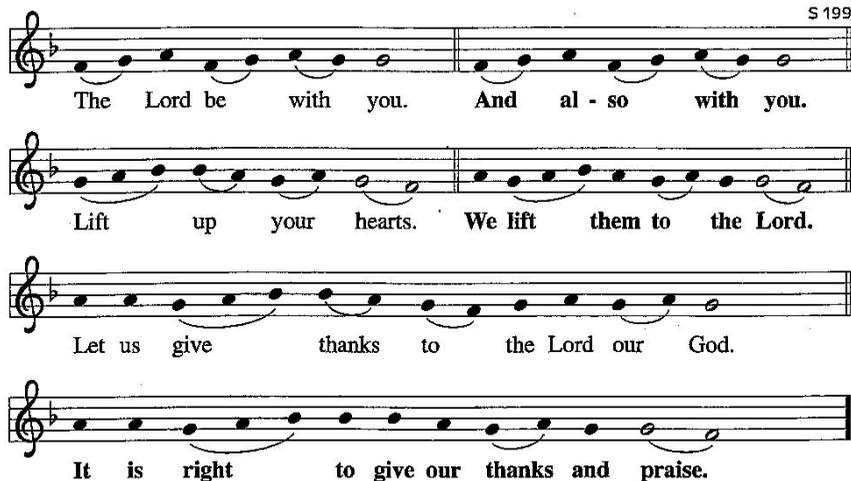
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

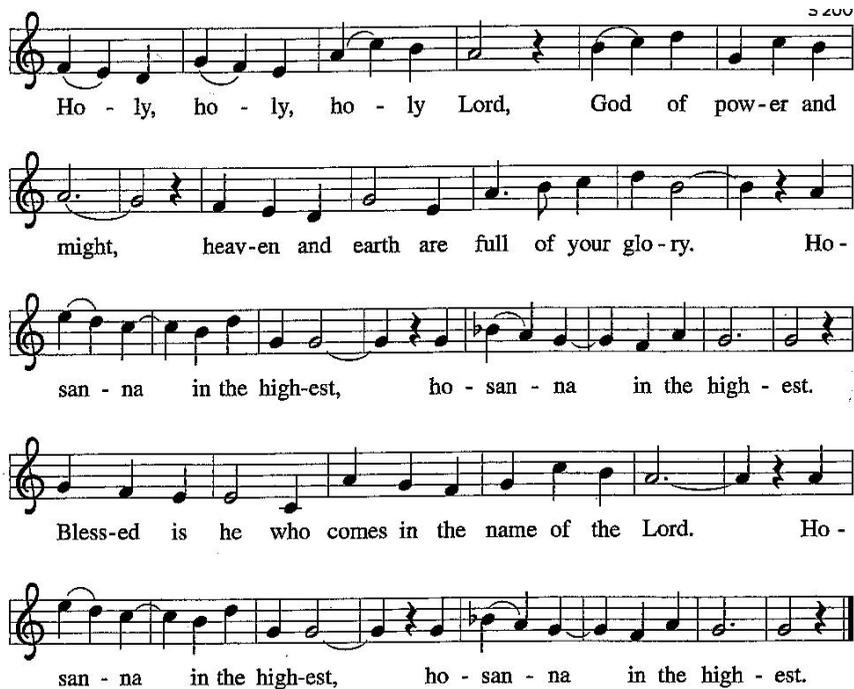
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven . . . forever and ever.



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....

INVITATION

Come to the banquet for all is now ready.
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 201

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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns
st. 4 - cantor

Green 170

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Green 198

Beautiful Savior
st. 4 - sing in harmony

Green 518

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
turn as the cross passes

Green 530

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King:
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

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 – First Sunday in Advent (Year C): Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:15-36

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Isabella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Steve Kowalski
CANTOR ----- Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Walt Lahs, Roger Wilson
LECTOR-----Max Williams

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	122	Bible Class	53
Communion.....	93	Offering	2632
Sunday School	20	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff.....	7	Specials	79

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
	MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	
	ADULT INFORMATION CLASS-----	3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	- ELL-----	6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS CONFERENCES	
WEDNESDAY	- <i>NO CONFIRMATION CLASS</i>	
	CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:30 P.M.
THURSDAY	- THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE-----	10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY

WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE REHEARSAL 10:30 A.M.
PUT UP CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ----- 11:30 A.M.
YOUTH GROUP TO BABYSIT----- 11:30 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. High School graduates through 30-somethings meet in the library during the Christian Education Hour for Bible study. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP — On this Thursday, November 26, gather with us to express your thanksgiving and praise to God in our public worship scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Bring someone outside our congregation with you.

BRING BELL NEXT SUNDAY — Bring a bell from home or a set of keys to ring in the new church year next Sunday, November 29. Plan to use an Advent wreath in your home with four candles. This will visually assist you in marking the four weeks of Advent waiting that precedes the celebration of Christ’s incarnation. An Advent devotional book, “Lift Up Your Heads,” is available one per family already this morning.

DECORATING THE CHURCH — Next Sunday plan to stay after the Christian Education Hour to help the Board of Church Properties and the Youth Group decorate the church for the Christmas season.

BABYSITTING — Parents, plan to leave your kids at Mount Olive next Sunday, November 29, from 11:30 to 3:00 p.m. The Youth Group will provide lunch, snacks and activities. A free-will donation is requested. Walk-ins are welcome! Questions? Contact Kristi Townsend at (402) 457-9611.

AUTOMATIC GIVING — Simply Giving is a way to make your Sunday morning offerings convenient and consistent through preauthorized withdrawal from your checking account at no extra cost to you. It is safe and secure. Your giving continues even if you are out of town or aren’t able to be at a worship service. Pick up a Simply Giving brochure from Max Williams or from the Church Office. More members, each year, are using this plan.

STEWARDSHIP — Thank you for your participation in this year’s financial stewardship emphasis. We dedicated your 2016 commitments to the Lord last Sunday and enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner together. We pray that you will grow in the grace of giving as you seek to live for your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE REHEARSAL — We are very excited to announce that practices for the Sunday School Christmas Program, “The King Is Coming”, will begin next Sunday, November 29th, at 10:30 A.M. and will continue each Sunday thru December 20th. Parents, please make every effort to have your children at each practice to learn songs, practice speaking parts, and prepare for the program. All Mt. Olive Sunday School children are encouraged to participate in this Christmas tradition!

November 22, 2015 (B)

CHRIST THE KING

ADVENT CAROLS AND READINGS — Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 P.M. for our annual Advent Carols and Readings. Seven Advent Scripture readings are interspersed with Advent hymns and carols as we meditatively await the celebration of the fulfillment of God's promises to us in Jesus, our Savior and Lord. In the context of Evening Prayer we ponder, sing and pray together.

ADVENT SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER — Prior to the Advent Carols and Reading Service, a soup and sandwich supper will be served on Thursday, December 3, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. We are in need of four soup chefs, dessert bakers, and folks for clean-up. Soup starter will be provided. Please sign up today at the table in the narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

- Joan Johnson (402-960-4179) and Marilyn Beig (402-453-6248)

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS BAKERS — It's that time of year to get out those mixing bowls and cookie sheets! Find your candy thermometer and measuring cups! Track down your rolling pin and dig out that cookie press! Mount Olive will once again host a Cookie Swap on Sunday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. To participate, bring three to four dozen cookies, bars, snacks or candies. Also, be sure to bring a container to take home your Christmas goodies (plan for around three dozen). If you would like to share your recipe, bring it and we will make copies as needed. We will set up in the old preschool (room next to Luther Hall) area and the swap will take place following the Adult/Sunday School Class Hour. So, bring an old family favorite or try something new. Each participant will have plenty of delicious treats to serve family and friends during the holidays! Questions...Comments...Concerns...Contact Anne Wegner at (402) 980-6953.

POINSETTIAS — Would you like to help decorate the church with a poinsettia this year? The cost is \$11.50. Use the sheet on the table in the narthex to sign up by December 13. Please indicate whether you would like to leave the poinsettia or take it with you.

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 POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) missionaries working with Arabic speaking immigrants here in metro Omaha.

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.

November 22
William Kowalik

November 23
Melissa Lorang

November 27
Janice Eirick