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May they all be one,
as you, Father, are in
me and I am in you ...

May 08, 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO MT. 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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We gather to worship the Lord Jesus: Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end (Revelation 22:13). Welcome, brothers and sisters! A special welcome to all you mothers on this Mother's Day.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



**7TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

May 08, 2016

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history - to our day - and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Green 158

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

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

Congregation

The musical score is written on three staves. The top staff is for the Cantor, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a single note, a whole note G4, followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The middle staff is for the Congregation, with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the melody for the lyrics: "Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)". The bottom staff is for the bass line, with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a harmonic accompaniment for the Congregation part. Above the middle staff, the text "... let us pray to the Lord:" is written. Below the middle staff, the lyrics "Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)" are written.

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.

All



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.

Refrain.



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.

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.

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*)

PSALM 133 (antiphon v. 1)



Cantor: Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is* when brothers dwell in | unity!

Cantor: It is like the precious oil on my head, running down on the beard, on the beard
of | Aaron,* running down on the collar | of his robes!

**It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!* For
there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life 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: Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is* when brothers dwell in | unity!

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who

wishes take the water of life as a gift. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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: I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. (*John 14:18*)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for unity among those who will believe.



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

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

[Jesus said:] “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

The Prayer A Faithful Mother Would Love!

John 17:20-26

Stand

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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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**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.**

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.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Crown Him With Many Crowns
setting by Timothy Shaw

Piano

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

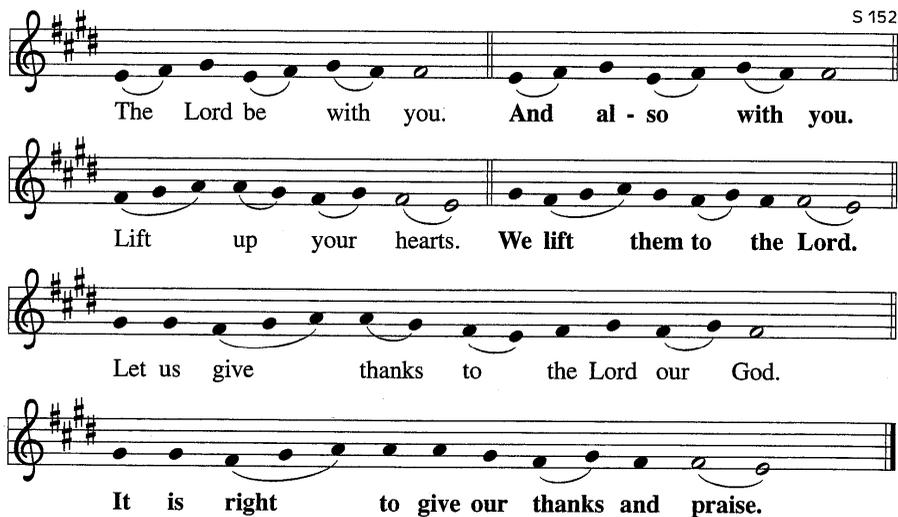
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

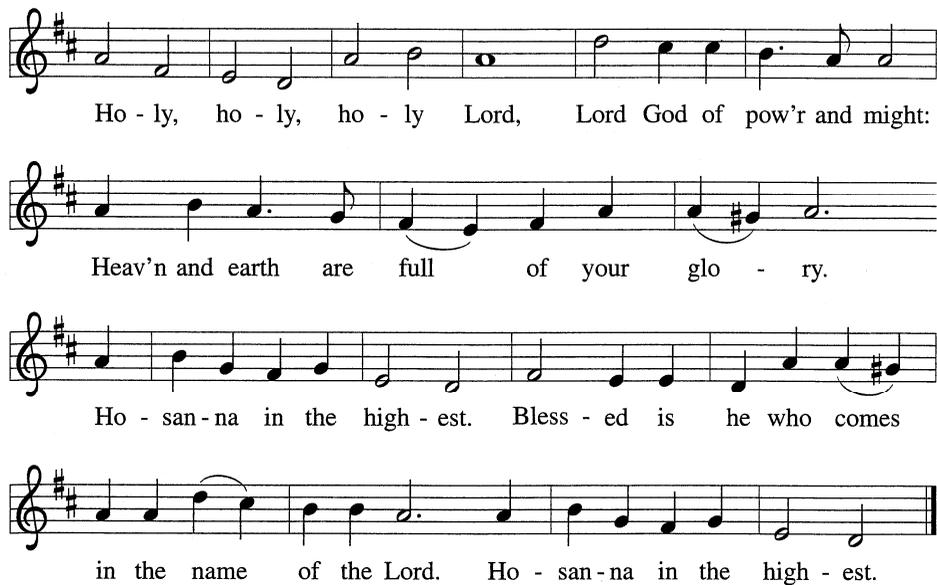
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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....

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Amen.

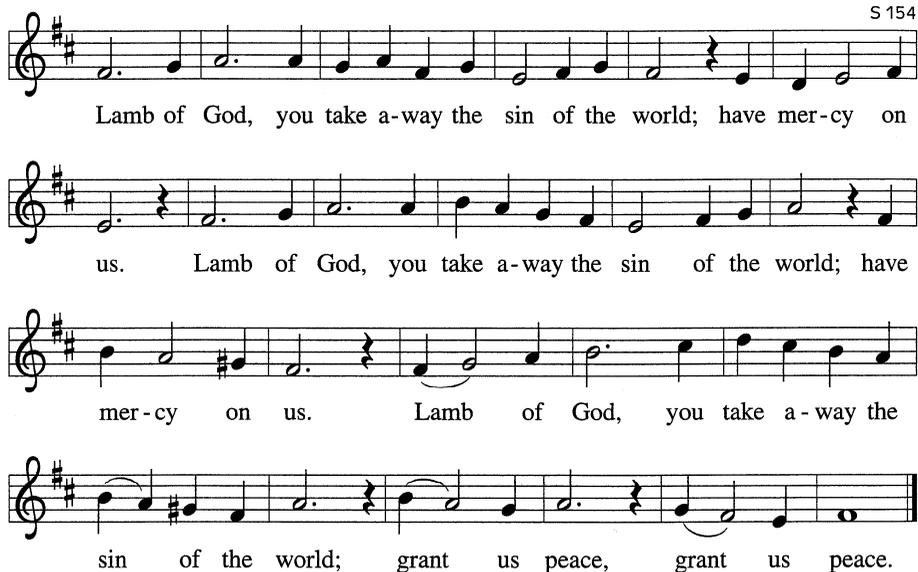
Sit

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

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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.

The Church's One Foundation

Green 369

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
st. 1 - cantor

Green 370

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Blue 801

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

setting by John A. Benke

Choir

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

E A S T E R G R E E T I N G

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

P O S T L U D E

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N E X T S U N D A Y – The Day of Pentecost (Year C): Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21;
John 14:23-31

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Isabella Wegner
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.
CANTOR ----- Mark Flemmer
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Robbie & Tamra Moffett, Sr.
LECTOR ----- Dixie Gerhart

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	115	Bible Class	35
Communion.....	89	Offering	5830
Sunday School	25	Needed Weekly	4861
Staff.....	5	Specials	70

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.
CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY - ALL BOARDS MEETING ----- 7:00 P.M.
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May 8, 2016 (C)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY - DECORATE FLOAT ----- 10:00 A.M.
FLORENCE DAY PARADE ----- 1:00 P.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP/WEAR RED ----- 9:00 A.M.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.
HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR – During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. This week the focus will be on “Prayer.” Pick up 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*)

NEXT SUNDAY – Wear something red in honor of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY – Next Sunday after the Education Hour is our quarterly Voters’ Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE – The Red Cross will be visiting Mount Olive on May 21th, from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Please help save a life. To schedule your donation, please contact Bonnie White at 402-496-7682 or bjhjwhite@cox.net.

NEBRASKA PRIMARY – This Tuesday, May 10, is our opportunity as citizens to select candidates for this November’s election. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decision making.

NEED – Ushers and Greeters are needed. The requirements are one Sunday per month and arriving 20 minutes early before worship. Contact Mike Townsend, Sr. at 402-573-0846.

FLORENCE DAY PARADE – The Florence Days Parade is this Saturday. People participating in the parade (decorating, walkers, and riders) should arrive at Miller Park no earlier than 11:00 a.m. but by 12:45 p.m. because the parade starts at 1:00 p.m. Contact Sarah Jank with questions. Our float number is 35. Popcorn stand volunteers should arrive on the grassy area in front of No Frills, just south of Jimmy Johns between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. Contact Dixie Gerhart with questions. This is a great opportunity to see and be seen by our neighbors. It says to our neighbors, we’re here and we’re glad to be part of this neighborhood, this community.

Praying for Our Parish in 2016

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

May 10
Alex Johnson

May 10
Mary Seefus

May 13
Albert Hogue

May 13
Aryanna Hogue

May 13
Austin Wegner