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**November 20, 2016**

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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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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**Christ is King of all creation, all times and seasons, all that we do as individuals and as the church. Welcome as we gather to worship before the throne.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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**CHRIST THE KING  
SUNDAY** November 20, 2016

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The Last Sunday of the Church Year has also been called “Christ the King Sunday.” But as we look at today’s Holy Gospel, Jesus doesn’t seem very regal or royal from the cross. Pilate mocks Jesus with the inscription “This is the King of the Jews.” Jesus hangs and dies beaten, bruised, and bloody. Yet, Jesus is King—even from the cross. Going to the cross, Jesus is remarkably in control, warning the daughters of Jerusalem, praying, “Father, forgive them,” and extending salvation to the repentant thief. That thief must have taken notice of Jesus’ kingship because he pleads, “Remember me when You come into Your kingdom” (Luke 23:42). And so we pray: Crucified King Jesus, remember us, and keep us in the faith until You return to reign.

## PRELUDE

**WELCOME**    *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

## RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**Stand and face the back.**

## GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

### INVOCATION

#### OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 46:1-3, 7)*

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**  
though its waters roar and foam,  
**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Colossians 1:13-14)*

So often, we have lived as though we are in darkness. We live as those who are by nature sinful and unclean. Our words and actions do not reflect the light of Christ. We do not live as people who are citizens of the kingdom of God. Confessing our sin, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

Green 328

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.**

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### KYRIE

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



Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## HYMN OF PRAISE

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

### Congregation





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**



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**

**Malachi 3:13-18**

The distinction between the righteous and the wicked.

*You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, "How have we spoken against you?" You have said, "It is vain to serve God. What*

*do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts? Now we count the arrogant happy; evildoers not only prosper, but when they put God to the test they escape.” Then those who revered the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord took note and listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who revered the Lord and thought on his name. They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, my special possession on the day when I act, and I will spare them as parents spare their children who serve them. Then once more you shall see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. (NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

PSALM 46 (*antiphon v. 7*)



Cantor: The Lord of hosts is | with us;\* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.  
 Cantor: God is our ref- | uge and strength,\* a very present help in | trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,\* though the  
 mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,**  
 Cantor: though its waters | roar and foam,\* though the mountains tremble at its |  
 swelling.  
**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,\* the holy  
 habitation of the | Most High.**  
 Cantor: God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;\* God will help her when |  
 morning dawns.  
**The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;\* he utters his voice, the | earth  
 melts.**  
 Cantor: The Lord of hosts is | with us;\* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.  
**Come, behold the works | of the Lord,\* how he has brought desolations |  
 on the earth.**  
 Cantor: He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;\* he breaks the bow and shatters  
 the spear; he burns the chariots | with fire.  
**“Be still, and know that | I am God.\* I will be exalted among the nations, I  
 will be exalted | in the earth!”**

Cantor: The Lord of hosts is | with us;\* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

**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: The Lord of hosts is | with us;\* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

## SECOND LESSON

### Colossians 1:13-20

Hymn to Christ; peace through his blood.

*He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (NRSV)*

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.

*Verse (cantor or choir)* *D.C. al Fine*

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

### Luke 23:27-43

Jesus is crucified between two thieves and to one He shows mercy.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

*A great number of the people followed [Jesus], and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (NRSV)*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

**Sadly We Crucify Jesus Every Day**

Stand

**Luke 23:33-43**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Green 172

**Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up your people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!**

**Though the lowliest form now veil you As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there your angels hail you, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;  
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, your off'ring, finished Once for all when you were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**

**Life-imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship you, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

## NICENE CREED

**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.**  
. . . one God, now and forever.  
**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**

### **M E A L**

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

#### **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.*

#### **M U S I C   A T   O F F E R I N G**

A Canon of Praise  
*music by Natalie Sleeth*

Choir

Praise Him O Praise Him O come ye people, Praise the Lord forever.  
Sing praises to His holy name. Praise Him, O Praise Him,  
O come ye people, Praise the Lord forever. Sing praises to His holy name.

To the God of Glory Loudest praise now bring,  
Source of our Salvation, Our Eternal King.  
To the God of Glory Loudest praise now bring,  
Source of our Salvation, Our Eternal King.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise the Lord forever, Come and praise Him,  
Come and praise the Lord. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise the Lord forever,  
Come and praise Him, Come and praise the Lord. Come and praise the Lord,  
Come and praise the Lord.

## OFFERING PRAYER/DEDICATION OF 2017 COMMITMENTS

O God,  
**we return to You only what You have first entrusted to us. Receive these tithes, offerings and commitment forms for 2017, symbols of the joy we find in serving You. Use them to advance your Kingdom and enable Mount Olive to be a servant congregation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## P R E F A C E

S 199

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

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

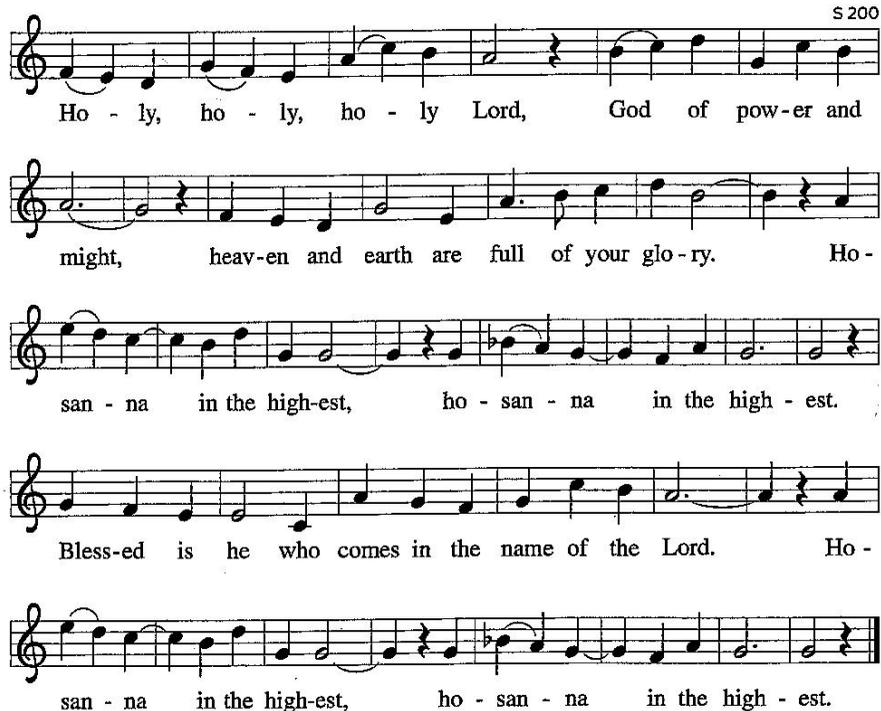
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S 200



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.

At the Name of Jesus

Green 179

Jesus, Remember Me (*repeated*)

Blue 740

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.  
Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king-dom.

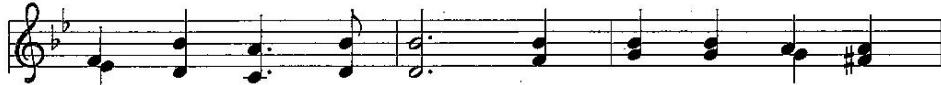
## O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring; a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king,  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king,  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

# SENDING

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Turn as the cross passes.*

Lift High the Cross

Green 377

**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**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.**

**Refrain**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.**

**Refrain**

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

**Refrain**

## 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 A): Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;  
Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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

**ACOLYTE**-----Aryanna Hogue  
**ASSISTING MINISTER** ----- Arnie Jacobson  
**CANTOR** ----- Melissa Lorang  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS** -----Doug Pollock, Paul Whitmore  
**LECTOR**----- Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	115	Bible Class .....	47
Communion.....	91	Offering .....	3331
Sunday School .....	23	Needed Weekly .....	4636
Staff.....	7	Specials .....	100

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 2

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

**TODAY** - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING  
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE  
 COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
 VOTERS' ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.M.  
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY** - *NO CONFIRMATION CLASS*  
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:30 P.M.

**THURSDAY** - THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP ----- 10:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY** - WORSHIP/RING IN NEW CHURCH YEAR----9:00 A.M.  
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ----- 10:20 A.M.  
 SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL--- 10:20 A.M.  
 DECORATE CHURCH W/YOUTH GROUP--- 11:30 A.M.  
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

**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.

November 22  
William Kowalik

November 23  
Melissa Lorang

- ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR** — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank continues the video-based Bible study - [A Man Named Martin Part 1: The Man](#). Grab a cup of coffee and join us.
- CONGRATULATIONS** — Kelsea Townsend and Chad Shulewitz were joined in marriage this week. We pray that God would bless their life together as they seek to serve the Lord.
- THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP** — This Thursday, November 24, 10:00 A.M. Bring along a canned good for Project Hope.
- 2017 STEWARDSHIP** — The 2017 Stewardship Campaign is ending today with the dedication of your 2017 commitments in our worship. Please return your pledge form for 2017 after prayerfully deciding your cheerful response to God’s blessings. We pray that you will grow in the grace of giving as you seek to live for your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY** — Today, November 20, is our quarterly Voters’ Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation and our congregational budget for 2017 will be presented.
- BRING BELL NEXT SUNDAY** — Bring a bell from home or a set of keys to ring in the new church year next Sunday, November 27.
- 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.
- SS CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS** — We are very excited to announce that practices for the Sunday School Christmas Program, “The Most Important Part of Christmas”, will begin next Sunday, November 27th, at 10:30 A.M. and will continue each Sunday through December 18th. 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!
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — Make your Advent season memorable this year and bring your family to our annual Advent Carols and Readings Service on Thursday, December 1st, 7:00 P.M. Before the service, there will be a Soup and Sandwich Supper beginning at 5:30 P.M.
- 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.
- SERVING THE LORD** — Make a difference in the lives of immigrants and refugees right here in Omaha by teaching or assisting on a weekly basis at the Peace International Friendship Center. This local mission could use more ELL and citizenship teachers/assistants, a sewing teacher or assistant, and children’s ministry workers while parents attend classes. Or, for a one-time event, volunteer at our third annual Christmas Dinner/Program on Saturday, December 10, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Contact Director Rev. Jim Haack (jim@bslcomaha.org or 402-331-7376) for specific ways you can help our neighbors!