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† **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** †  
**9:00AM, Sunday, May 17, 2020**

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**AS WE GATHER**

During these great fifty days of Easter, we gather again to hear the risen Lord Jesus as He appears and speaks to us in no less a real way than when He appeared and spoke to the first disciples before His ascension into heaven. As Scripture says, “The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him” (Habakkuk 2:20). So we gather in reverent, holy anticipation as we hear the words of Jesus in John’s inspired account, recalling His promise given on Holy Thursday, His word concerning the promise that He would send “another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth” (John 14:16–17). The Holy Spirit is wherever He creates and sustains faith through God’s Word. However, our Easter celebration will break forth before the world on the Day of Pentecost.

Jesus says the world cannot receive, see, or know the Spirit. Paul found this to be true in Athens as he noticed an altar dedicated “To the unknown god.” Though many in our day certainly have heard about Jesus, they do not know Him apart from faith in His word. But you know Him! Baptized into Christ, His resurrection life has given us new life, which for now is but the beginning to be stretched out into life eternal.

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**PRELUDE** “God In Nature” ...H.P. Hopkins

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice”

*LSB 556*



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan’s chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it  
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world’s foun-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly  
o’er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my  
gain-ing; Free will a-against God’s judg-ment fought, Dead to all  
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How  
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My  
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left  
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son:  
“It’s time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

- 9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
 From earth to heav’n ascending,  
 And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
 The Holy Spirit sending;  
 In trouble He will comfort you  
 And teach you always to be true  
 And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
 Guide all your life and teaching;  
 So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
 And honored in your preaching.  
 But watch lest foes with base alloy  
 The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
 This final word I leave you.”

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P The three sad days have quickly sped,  
 He rises glorious from the dead.  
 All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (*LSB* 464:3)  
 Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.
- C **Lord God, though the strife is over, the battle done, and now is the victor’s triumph won, sin still hangs on. We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**
- P Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT *Psalm 119:89-93*

- C **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**  
P Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.  
C **Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**  
P By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.  
C **If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.**  
P I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.  
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

### KYRIE

*LSB pg.204*

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Shout To The Lord”

### Verse

My Jesus my Saviour  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

### Chorus

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 17:16-31*

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he

was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

### *1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

# SERMON *A Beautiful View*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for the new life and salvation with which You have brought beauty into our lives and our world again through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray that You open the ears of all who hear Your Word, that this salvation come to many in true repentance and faith, the gift of Your own Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** To all who bear the authority of government in our land, give Your blessing, that tranquility and peace rule our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** When suffering for Your truth comes our way, remind us of the certain victory that is ours by our Baptism into Christ. Give us the vision of Your mercy and grace, that we endure any opposition to the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Visit with Your peace and healing all who suffer illness, injury, or any painful difficulty, especially . . . Let not their hearts be troubled or weighed down with any fear, but lift their eyes to Your sure and certain promises of eternal life and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 7797.*

## **OFFERTORY SONG**      "A New Commandment"

### **Chorus**

A new commandment I give unto you  
That you love one another as I have loved you  
That you love one another as I have loved you



### Verse 1

By this shall all know that you are My disciples  
If you have love one for another  
By this shall all know that you are My disciples  
If you have love one for another

### Verse 2

You are My friends if you do what I command you  
Without My help you can do nothing  
You are My friends if you do what I command you  
Without My help you can do nothing

### Verse 3

I am the true vine My Father is the gard'ner  
Abide in Me I will be with you  
I am the true vine My Father is the gard'ner  
Abide in Me I will be with you

### Verse 4

True love is patient not arrogant nor boastful  
Love bears all things love is eternal  
True love is patient not arrogant nor boastful  
Love bears all things love is eternal

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

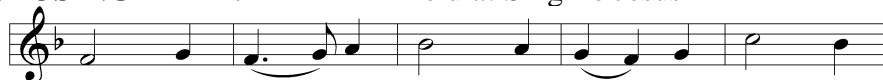
## BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing To Jesus”

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”  
 get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more?”  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”

POSTLUDE Prelude in B-flat major ...Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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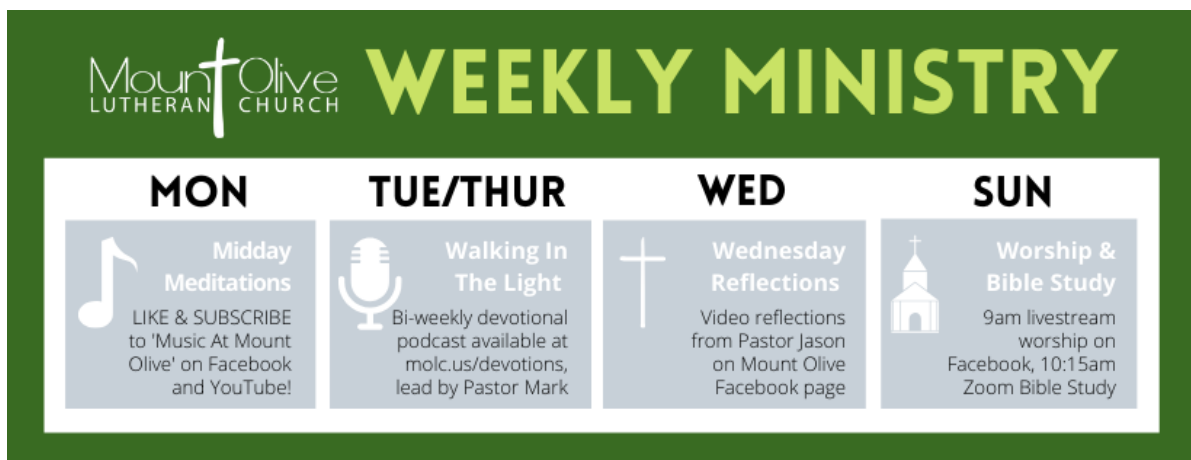
## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher      Rev. Jason Zobel, Senior Pastor  
Music         Ray Calderon, Director of Music  
                   Rebecca Zobel, vocals





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## Announcements for May 17, 2020

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The graphic features the Mount Olive Lutheran Church logo on the left, which includes a cross and the text 'Mount Olive LUTHERAN CHURCH'. To the right, the words 'WEEKLY MINISTRY' are written in large, bold, green letters. Below this, a white box contains four columns representing different days of the week, each with an icon and text:

MON	TUE/THUR	WED	SUN
 <p><b>Midday Meditations</b> LIKE &amp; SUBSCRIBE to 'Music At Mount Olive' on Facebook and YouTube!</p>	 <p><b>Walking In The Light</b> Bi-weekly devotional podcast available at <a href="http://molc.us/devotions">molc.us/devotions</a>, lead by Pastor Mark</p>	 <p><b>Wednesday Reflections</b> Video reflections from Pastor Jason on Mount Olive Facebook page</p>	 <p><b>Worship &amp; Bible Study</b> 9am livestream worship on Facebook, 10:15am Zoom Bible Study</p>

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**We Pray for. . .** Lisa Hammerly, Linda Krueger, Dick Mulcahey.

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### Virtual Sunday Bible Study – “Prayer”

Join us for our Virtual Bible Study via Zoom **every Sunday at 10:15am** (following 9am livestream worship). Every Friday, we will email you with the “meeting” link, ID, and password that you will need to attend the Bible study. You can subscribe to this list at the bottom of our home page at [molc.us](http://molc.us), or message us on Facebook. **TODAY**, we continue the Bible Study “Prayer” with the session entitled “The Gift of Prayer” on page 13. A PDF is available on our home page for you to follow along.

## **COVID-19 Update: New Dane County Worship Order!**

We have a brief update as to what Mount Olive is preparing concerning the new order issued in Dane County which allows churches to begin worshipping together in person. While this new order is indeed a blessing, the Reopening Committee, appointed by our Executive Director Gary Strohm, has decided to postpone worship in person **until next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. A more detailed email will be sent out to all of you on TOMORROW (5/18). We will continue to livestream the services using Facebook live and posting also on YouTube. Our hope is to acquire technology which will allow us to continue our livestreaming in the future. If you have any questions along the way, don't hesitate to give our head elder, Curt Casanova, or Pastor Jason a call. We will be happy to talk with you! God bless you all! Thanks be to God that He has kept us connected in so many ways over these past 9 weeks. May we continue to follow His lead as we begin to add opportunities to meet in person for worship once again!

## **Holy Communion**

If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up to do so. **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm**. Just contact the office at [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us) or (608) 238-5656, and Derek will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

## **Leadership Spots Still Open!**

The Nominating Committee is still in search of willing Mount Olive members who would be interested in serving as a director/member on a Mount Olive board for the 2020-22 term. If you are interested in serving at this capacity, contact Bill Skiera at [bskierawis@gmail.com](mailto:bskierawis@gmail.com).

## **Order Altar Flowers**

Just because we aren't meeting in person doesn't mean you can't adorn our altar with beautiful flowers! Here's what you do: 1) Email Denise at [denise.sliter@yahoo.com](mailto:denise.sliter@yahoo.com) letting her know any color requests and who/what they are dedicated to (in memory/honor/celebration/etc, of...), 2) Send a check made out to Mount Olive Lutheran Church to 110 N Whitney Way -OR- pay online at [molc.us/connect](http://molc.us/connect) (scroll down to GIVE) or on our app under the GIVE feature. To download our app, search for "Mount Olive LC" in your app store.

## **Card Shop**

While we are staying at home during this virus time, if you do come into the church and need some cards, please just "self-serve". We are putting the Easter cards away and putting out Confirmation, Graduation, and Father's Day cards to be prepared for the other special occasions for May and June. All cards are 75 cents each, have a Bible verse, and all profits go to Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are in the Library, next to the Nursery. Contact the church office to set up a time to come in!

## Vacation Bible School

At this point in time, we will NOT be holding Vacation Bible School the week we had planned for in June. It may be moved to July or August, or there is the possibility we will have to cancel it for this year. We will reevaluate as May moves along. We pray that you are well and able to use this "stay at home" time to draw closer to family and closer to God, study his word, and be of help to those around us.

## Assistance During COVID-19

If anyone you know at Mount Olive is in a situation where they would prefer or need to have someone run errands, shop, etc.. (so as not to risk their own health), please contact the church office at (608) 238-5656 or [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us) and let us know how we can help. According to the CDC, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

## Food Pantry

During COVID-19 with our closed doors, our food pantry is not as accessible as it was before. If you or anyone you know needs non-perishable items from our pantry, please contact the office to set up a time to come in to utilize our food pantry. A schedule may be set in the coming weeks.

## Free Online Resources Available – Concordia Publishing House

Concordia Publishing House has made a bunch of online resources available for FREE during COVID-19, including Portals of Prayer and Today's Light Bible Study. For our members that pick up the Portals of Prayer and participate in the Today's Light Bible Study, this may be of interest during this quarantine period. Visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).

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