
✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023, 9:00AM

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE!

Guests! We are happy to have you join us today and pray God's blessings on your time in His presence. Please fill out one of our guest cards in the pew and let us know if you are interested in membership. Pastor Torkelson will be happy to contact you. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments, praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians, and sharing God's love wherever we go.

AS WE GATHER

Fear is the opposite of faith in the Bible. Probably the greatest of all human fears is the fear of death, a shadow we live under all the days of this life. The Good News is good news precisely because it speaks to our greatest fears. Now, with the forgiveness of sins, we have new life and eternal life. Fear not! Christ is here with His gifts of forgiveness and life in the Lord's Supper. *Guests:* As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we confess the Biblical teaching that the Lord's Supper is Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." All who intend to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to take time before the service to read the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" in the pew hymnal on Pp. 329-330 as a way of preparing to receive the Supper (1 Cor.:11-27-29).

If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Torkelson before communing. He is happy to talk with you.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request from the serving elder. White grape juice is available in the center cups.

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION

For Me To Live Is Jesus

LSB 742



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
 2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
 3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
 4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
 And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
 My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
 And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
 A slumber soft and still,
 No doubts to vex or haunt
 me,
 Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
 When death shall come to
 me, I fall asleep believing
 And wake in heav'n with
 Thee!

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17



P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

C What shall I render | to the LORD* for all his bene- | fits to me?

P I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation* and call on the name | of the LORD.

C Precious in the sight | of the LORD* is the death | of his saints.

P O LORD, I am your | servant;* I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

C 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.

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving* and call on the name | of the LORD.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what

belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

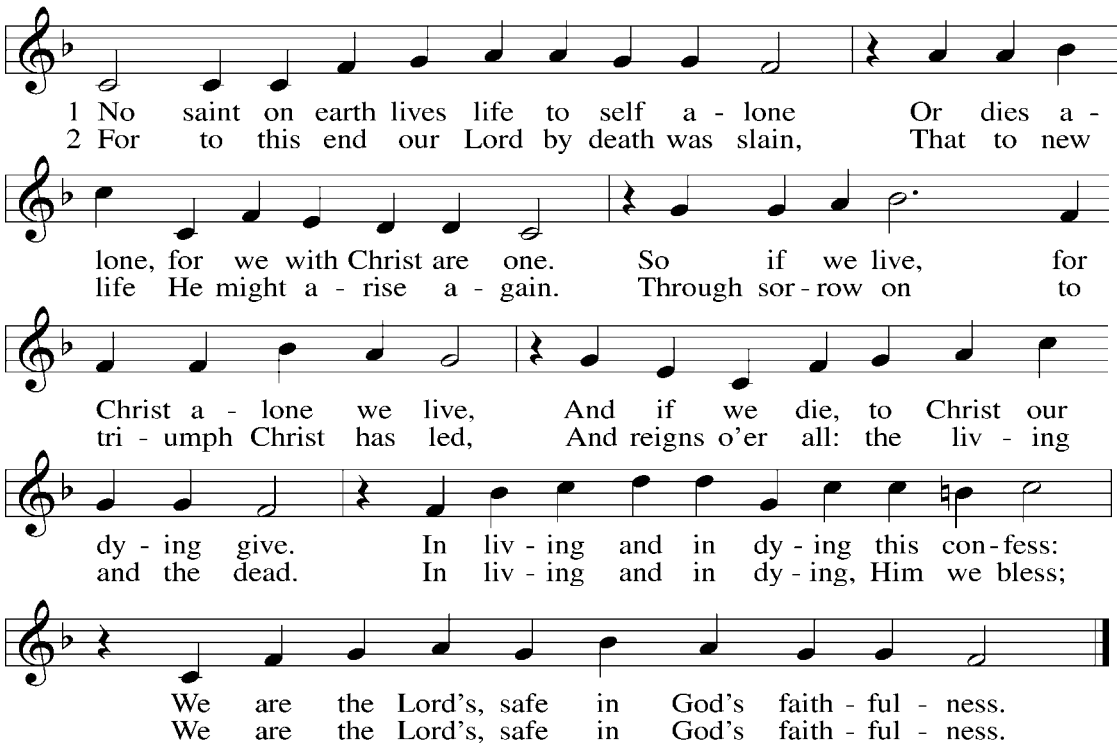
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

No Saint On Earth Lives Life To Self Alone

LSB 747



1 No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone Or dies a -
2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain, That to new
lone, for we with Christ are one. So if we live, for
life He might a - rise a - gain. Through sor - row on to
Christ a - lone we live, And if we die, to Christ our
tri - umph Christ has led, And reigns o'er all: the liv - ing
dy - ing give. In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
and the dead. In liv - ing and in dy - ing, Him we bless;
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

SERMON

"Caught Between A Good And Even Better Place"

Philippians 1

Pastor Daniel Torkelson

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LOGOS TEACHERS

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

After each prayer:

P. Lord in Your mercy, C. **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

The offering will be collected by the ushers with the offering plates being passed down the rows. The offering will then be brought forward to the altar.

We also accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

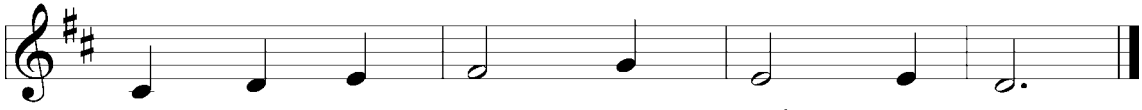
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying

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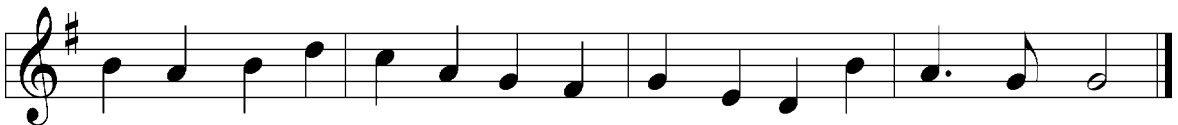
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
 Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
 While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
 With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
 Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
 You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Give Me Jesus

LSB 976



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,
 2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
 5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
 Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
 Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.
 Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.
 And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



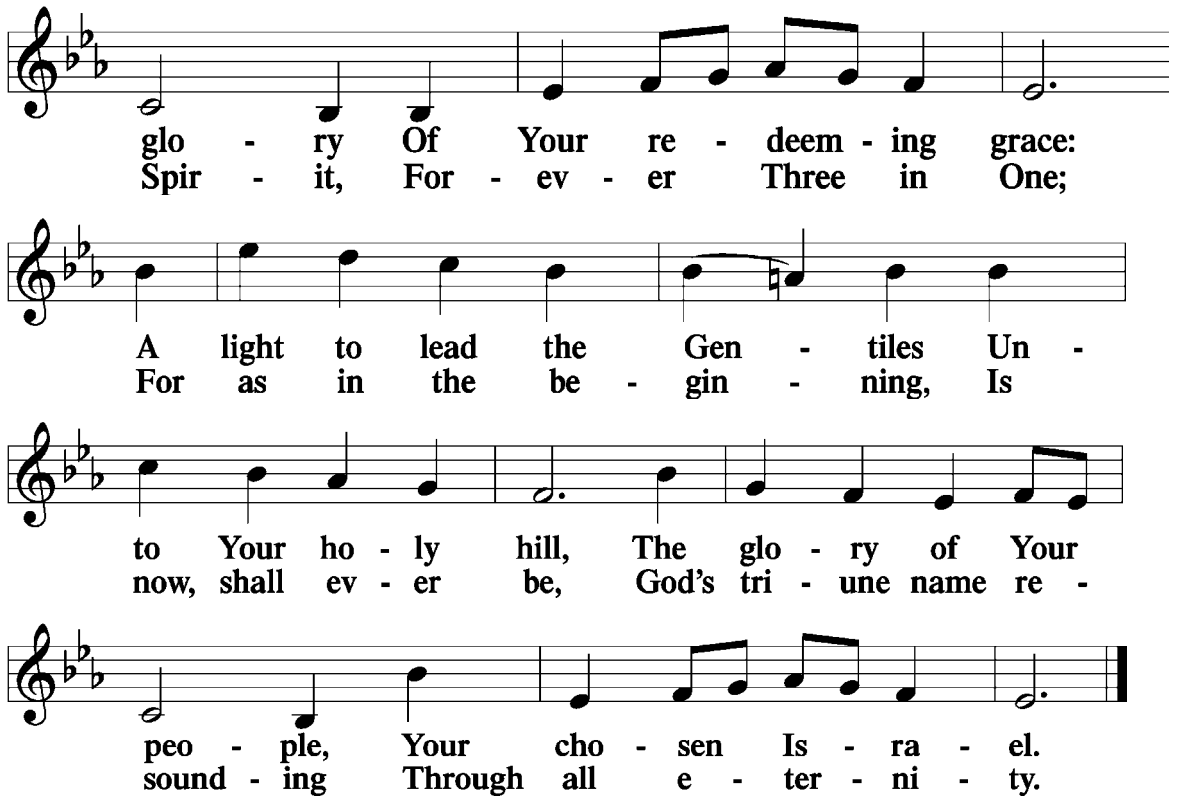
You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

G 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.

G Amen.

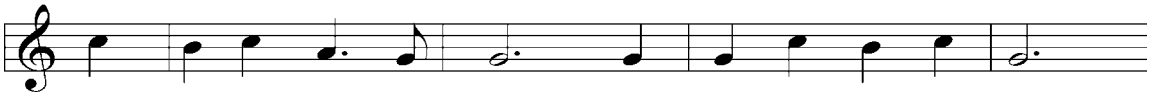
HYMN TO DEPART

When Morning Gilds The Skies

LSB 807



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer
Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round
Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Rev. Daniel Torkelson, *Senior Pastor*
Music Trevor Magness, *Organist*
Elder Hank Barrington
Lector Lois Dieringer
Usher Team Gene Cropp
Greeters Dave and Jeanne Kral
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STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1!
"WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO"

Adult Bible Study will resume on Oct. 1. The topic will be Biblical worship and is titled "Why We Do What We Do."

In the study, we will learn the Biblical theology of worship and the Biblical roots of the services we use. In addition, we will discuss prayer, the devotional life, and the Church's ever-growing treasury of music that sings "the new song."

Join us during the Educational Hour starting Oct. 1.

We hope to see you there!



Wait! WHAT?

Yes! It's time to think of ordering poinsettias for Christmas! Look for order information and order forms at the Welcome Center. This year we have

four size options:

single plants in 5" or 6 1/2" pots

double plants in 7 1/2" pots

triple plants in 8" pot.

The last date for orders is November 12.