



† **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** †

8:00AM, Sunday, May 2, 2021

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WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are honored to have you in worship with us today and pray God's blessings on your worship. If this is your first visit to Mount Olive, we hope your worship with us is a blessing and you find friendship and peace in this place. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that Mount Olive is taking all necessary precautions sanitizing our worship space, assuring social distancing, and safely preparing the sacrament. We hope to see you again and are happy to help in any way if you do not currently have a church home or are looking for one. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. We thank you for silencing your cell phones as you enter the sanctuary today.



AS WE GATHER

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us by joining in confessing our faith in Christ and His real presence in the Sacrament. We affirm the presence in the Sacrament of Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." During this time of precautions, we will utilize a communion practice called "continuous communion" in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

PRELUDE

"Wings of Faith"

Clarence Kohlmann

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB 850



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16



- P A little while, and you will see me no | longer,* and again a little while, and you will | see me.
- C **I will extol you, my | God and King,*and bless your name forever and | ever.**
- P Every day I will | bless you* and praise your name forever and | ever.
- C **The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**
- P All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*and all your saints shall | bless you!
- C My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,* and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.
- 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 A little while, and you will see me no | longer,* and again a little while, and you will | see me.

KYRIE

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- ☐** Lord, have mer - cy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



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



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



1	—	Wor-ty	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	whose
2	Pow	-	er,	rich	-	es,	wis	-	dom,	and
3	Sing		with	all	the	peo	-	ple	of	God,
4	Bless	-	ing,	hon	-	or,	glo	-	ry,	and
5	For		the	Lamb	_____	who	was	slain	has	be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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



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

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!	Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter	Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine,	We are the branch - es;	Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	Sor - row, be si - lent;	Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!	Splen - dor, the Lamb,	Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;	Break - ing our bread,	Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree;	Heav - en to earth,	Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.	Cher - u - bim sing:	“O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,	Riv - er of life,	Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Refrain
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON *Stay Connected to the Vine, Jesus!*

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. Almighty God, with the whole creation, we praise You for Your gift of life and the world that sustains us and all the living. Grant that seeing Your even greater gift of deliverance from the disfigurement of sin and the promise of the renewal of Your original design all people may come to repentance and faith in Your gracious invitation through Jesus Christ, risen and victorious over death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give power to Your Word as it is proclaimed boldly by Your Church filled with the Holy Spirit in the faithful witness of all—as it is preached and taught by all who are ordained and commissioned by You as well as those to whom You have given the gifts to be faithful witnesses of Your salvation and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Turn the hearts of all who bear the authority of government in our land and around the world that they serve and lead all people in the ways of justice, peace, and freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P To all who suffer sickness or injury, give the comfort of Your healing. And to all who suffer any persecution for standing for the truth of the Christian faith, give strength to endure. To all increase faith and faithfulness, believing that the risen Christ leads us to the glory of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all the faithful who have gone before us, for the prophets and apostles, for saints and martyrs, especially for Your servant Stephen, we give You thanks and ask that You strengthen us to walk according to their example throughout all our days to the glory of Your holy name. 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 77977.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise

You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“All Good Gifts”

(Verse 1)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain

(Chorus)

All good gifts around us, are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love

(Verse 2)

We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food
No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts
But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts. (Chorus)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“Fruitful Trees, The Spirit’s Sowing”

LSB 691



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice in the Lord”

E.L. Ashford

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Sunday, May 2

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Weekly Calendar May 3-8

Monday (5/3)

9am Quilters
6pm Men at Work

Tuesday (5/4)

9am-2pm Communion
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

Wednesday (5/5)

10am Today's Light Bible Study
2-6pm Communion

Thursday (5/6)

6:30pm School Committee
Meeting

Saturday (5/8)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (5/9)

Mother's Day

8am Divine Worship†
9am Fellowship Hour
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Divine Worship†
11:30am Communion

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, Greg Schwechel, Luke Davison, Mount Olive Lutheran School, Andrew and Kristin Zobel, our confirmands Nora Morgan, Payton Rademacher, Barret Willenburg

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun. April 25- 60/52

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by LOGOS in celebration of our confirmands Nora Morgan, Payton Rademacher, Barret Willenburg!

Bible Reading Challenge: Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: **May 3:** Romans 9-11, **May 4:** Romans 12-14, **May 5:** Romans 15-16, Acts 20:4-21:40, **May 6:** Acts 22-24, **May 7:** Acts 25-27, **May 8:** Acts 28, Colossians 1-3, **May 9:** Colossians 4, Philemon, Ephesians 1. A list of the May readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Congratulations to our confirmands! Congrats to Payton, Barret, and Nora on their confirmation! We pray that God continues to bless them as they grow and learn more about our Lord and Savior.

Bingo Night: Mark your calendars- Saturday May 15 6:30-8pm! Bible Bingo is back by popular demand! There will be prizes and snacks for all!

Mount Olive Lutheran School Fall Registration: Mount Olive Lutheran School is now enrolling for the 2021/2022 school year! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the office at office@molc.us!

Mount Olive Lutheran School Scholarship: If you are looking for a way to support Mount Olive Lutheran School the "Defending the Faith Scholarship" is looking for mission partners to help provide a high-quality Christ-centered education! Questions? Feel free to contact the school committee at schoolcommittee@molconline.org!

Geraniums for Pentecost!! If you wish to order geraniums for Pentecost, please fill out an order form that can be found in the welcome center. Order forms must be completed and returned by **Sunday, May 2nd**.

Women's Spring Fling: We are postponing the event to later in the year. Please watch for another opportunity for a womens' fellowship this year.

Mount Olive Concert Series: The last installment of this year's concert series will be held on May 16 at 3pm. Join us for an afternoon of Sacred Sounds sung by Ray Calderon!

Sunday Bulletins/Recordings: If you or someone you know is "shut in" and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

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Share-a-Thon: The Board of Christian Outreach has made some changes to the upcoming Share-A-Thon. This event will be a service opportunity FOR our Madison neighbors at One City School on July 18th. An announcement will be coming soon on WHEN and WHERE donated items (from our congregation...or friends of members) will be collected! If you can, please begin setting aside the following items:

- Children's clothing (sizes infant to 10-yr olds)
- Coats for children & adults (all sizes & for all seasons)

Additional details about this first-time service event can be found in the TW@MOLC under the Board of Christian Outreach News and in The View!

SWD Student Financial Aid: Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information, visit swd.lcms.org - under Resources. The deadline is May 15.

Community Impact Teams: The Board of Christian Outreach is thrilled to announce that TWO teams are underway!

- MOLC Food Pantry Community Impact Team
- Homeless-to-Hopeful Community Impact Team

One of our community impact teams: Homeless to Hopeful (H2H) has begun their work to "live out the Love of Jesus" in the Madison area. The team's first project involves supporting homeless students and their families. You can help by donating these three items:

- Fabric softener sheets
- Deodorant (travel or full size, gender neutral)
- Hand sanitizers (small to medium size)

The team will be purchasing other requested items. Please put your donation in the special bin in the Narthex by May 16.

A huge thank you to the Mount Olive Foundation for the grant to fund this initial project!

To learn more about these amazing service opportunities, read about them in the Board of Christian Outreach News in the TW@MOLC and The View!

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

May 2: LOGOS

May 9: Paul Skidmore & Pat Middleton

May 16: Open

May 23: Pentecost Geraniums, Barb Koehler, Mary Goers

May30: Open

June 6: Open

June 13: Connie LaRowe

June 20: Open

June 27: Eunice Gibson

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us.

COVID-19 Assistance: If you are considered "at risk" and would like assistance getting groceries or with other errands, please contact the office. Our food pantry is also available to you during office hours.

Stewardship Corner

"Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." (John 15:2)

God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Confirmation and Graduation, and Mother's Day cards now on display in addition to all occasion greeting cards at 75 cents each. Thank you for continuing self-service and the great response shown for supporting the missions at Lutheran Women's Missionary League with your purchases. We are located in the Library, next to the Nursery.

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online molc.us/connect. Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

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

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