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† **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** †

**8:00AM, Sunday, May 9, 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**

“In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

**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.

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**PRELUDE**

“Nun danket alle Gott”

*Fr. Reuter*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”

*LSB 660*

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
 Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
 The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
 This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
 Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
 Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
 And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**


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**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 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*



L Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

C **Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!**

L Bless our God, O | peoples;\* let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C **who has kept our soul among the | living\* and has not let our | feet slip.**

L Blessèd | be God,\* because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

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.**

L Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

### KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C 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-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 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.

☐ And al - so 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.

☐ A - men.

## FIRST READING

*Acts 10:34-48*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” <sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the

Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 John 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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 15:9-17*

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



C **Glo - ry to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to

you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## “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 (Chorus)

(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 (Chorus)

(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 (Chorus)

(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 (Chorus)

## SERMON *Seeing and Loving as God Does*

### NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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** 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** We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, *especially . . .* Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

**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**

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### **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**

“Now We Thank All Our God”

*LSB 895*

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,

Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,

Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;

With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly 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.



☐ A - men.

### CLOSING HYMN “For All the Faithful Women” (vs 1,2,3-4) (Next page) *LSB 855*



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un-known  
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
 We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

(Verse 2)

We thank You for our mothers, who Your great kindness share.  
 Through loving deeds for others, as emblems of Your care.  
 May we true honor show them, and joyfully express,  
 that they are gifts among us to cherish and to bless.

**POSTLUDE**

“Nun danket alle Gott”

*G.F. Kaufmann*

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Liturgist	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Family Life Director</i>
Music	Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Curt Casanova      Lector    Jay Molter
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Sunday, May 9

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## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

### Weekly Calendar May 10-15

#### Monday (5/10)

9am Quilters  
10am Book Club  
6pm Board of Elders Meeting

#### Tuesday (5/11)

9am-2pm Communion  
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal  
6:30pm Females in Faith

#### Wednesday (5/12)

10am Today's Light Bible Study  
2-6pm Communion  
6pm Music at Mount Olive  
Cookout

#### Saturday (5/15)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

#### Sunday (5/16)

8am Divine Worship†  
9am Fellowship Hour  
9:30am Education Hour  
10:30am Divine Worship†  
11:30am Communion  
3pm MOLC Concert Series: Sacred  
Sounds

† 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, Jenna Krumm, Luke Davison, Mount Olive Lutheran School, Andrew and Kristin Zobel,

### This Week's News

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun. May 2- 57/62

**Altar Flower Sponsors:** Flowers this morning are given for Mother's Day by Paul Skidmore and Pat Middleton in honor of all moms at Mount Olive.

**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 10:** Ephesians 2-4, **May 11:** Ephesians 5-6, Philippians 1, **May 12:** Philippians 2-4, **May 13:** 1 Timothy 1-4, **May 14:** 1 Timothy 5-6, Titus 1, **May 15:** Titus 2-3, 1 Peter 1, **May 16:** 1 Peter 2-5. 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! All ages welcome!

**Tee Up for LuWiSoMo:** The annual LuWiSoMo benefit golf outing will take place at The Meadows of Sixmile Creek in Waunakee on Tuesday, May 18. The \$115 entry fee covers golf, cart, dinner, prizes and a generous donation to LuWiSoMo Outdoor Ministry & Retreat Center. Sign up now by contacting Gary Rainbow at 608-274-4099 or [gary.rainbow@charter.net](mailto:gary.rainbow@charter.net). On the day of the event registration starts at 11:15 am, shotgun start at noon, dinner at 5:30, depart at 6:15. **Not a golfer?** Show your support by becoming a Ministry Partner or Event Sponsor.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:schoolcommittee@molconline.org)!

**View Articles:** Beginning with the June/July View, articles will need to be typed and submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to be included in the View. Thanks in advance for your submissions!

**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!

**Females in Faith:** Females in Faith will be meeting on Tuesday May 11 at 6:30pm in the fireplace room. There will be a Zoom option as well. We will be studying "Finding God Faithful" by Kelly Minter.

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**VBS Registration:** The Board of Education is happy to announce that Vacation Bible School, "Rocky Railway" will be held **June 14-18**. Help us show the children from our congregation and community how Jesus Power Pulls Us Through! You can register online at: <https://vbspro.events/p/molc2021> or sign up at the Welcome Counter in the narthex. Please contact Kristie Kasbohm at [kristiekas@gmail.com](mailto:kristiekas@gmail.com) or call 608-347-7110 with questions. We are looking for volunteers to serve as co-directors, station leaders (KidVid, Arts & Crafts, Games, Snack and Bible Stories) crew leaders and assistant crew leaders, decorations/set-up committee, mission and donation director, and volunteer/crew coordinator.

**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-yrs 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](http://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 16: Open

May 23: Pentecost Geraniums, Barb Koehler, Mary Goers

May 30: 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](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us).

**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.

## **Stewardship Corner**

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"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3)

God's commandments are not burdensome. That's only true for Christians precisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.

## **Just a Note**

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**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](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us) or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online [molc.us/connect](http://molc.us/connect). Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

**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.

**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](mailto:office@molc.us) or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

## **Our Staff**

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Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Mark Baldwin, *Dir Family Life*

Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*

Laurel Zobel, *Preschool Director*

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