

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Third Sunday of Easter  
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A Reconciling in  
Christ Community

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**Mount Olive** is a welcoming and inclusive congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving our neighbors in Rochester, Minnesota.

*Our core identity is lived out in four ways:  
Worship, Service, Education, and Fellowship.*

**Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:**

*"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring: All gender identities and sexual orientations, all races and ethnicities, all ages and abilities, all economic statuses and education levels, all faith journeys and personal histories. As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### WE CONFESS: A PRAYER FOR TURNING

Olive Branch Video

L: Let us confess together the institutional sin of racism in which each of us is daily immersed.

We pray: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess we are powerless over our society's sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We confess that we live in a nation that systematically prioritizes the safety, freedom, comfort, and wealth of white people over Black, Indigenous, and people of color. We confess that white people continually benefit from this system while Black, Indigenous, and people of color continually suffer. We confess that our society's unfair institutions keep us from enjoying full and loving relationships with our neighbors. We confess defensiveness, confusion, anger, or fear to speak of these things. We confess that we do not always expect that meaningful change is possible. We are dismayed to be part of our society's sin and we sadly repent. We beg forgiveness from you, dear God. We beg forgiveness from our neighbors. Help us now. Help us turn away from the oppressive system of racism and turn toward justice and love.**

L: People of God, A life in Christ means a call to radical love. In the gospels, Jesus commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves and to give up wealth, power, and privilege in order to follow this Way. And so, in our life in Christ, we not only confess our participation in sin, but we steer hard away from it and begin a new way. Let us speak together our repentance. For the healing of our world and for the sake of Jesus Christ,

**C: We turn away from our country's unjust system of power and turn toward God's system**



of justice and compassion. We work to liberate ourselves from the institutional racism in which we are entangled, and we embed ourselves in God's way of freedom. We commit to learning about racial inequality. We commit to overturning the tables of unfair systems we have lived with for so long. And, through study, conversation, and action, we commit to break down racial injustice in our own congregation and in the larger church. Held in God's unfailing love, we repent.

P: People of God, hear this good word. Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and are now present to make things right. Go with courage to make mistakes. Go with grace to take bold risks. Go empowered to do your part for change. And return again and again for refreshment and strength. People of God, you belong to Christ. Change the world.

*Adapted with express permission from: Rev Elizabeth Rawlings: Confession and Repentance on the 400th Anniversary of Slavery in the United States (<https://www.disruptworshipproject.com/litanies-confessions-prayers-for-justice>)*

## GATHERING HYMN

## "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

ELW #377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



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



### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

Third Sunday of Easter

### **PSALM 4**

“Rest in Shalom”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Luke Hollander



## HYMN OF THE DAY

## "The Peace of the Lord"

ELW #646



1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
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Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please share words of God's peace with one another.*



## MEAL

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

P: Let us pray:

**C: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

Gathered at the Lord's table, and around our own, we remember with thanksgiving that "in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

[Share the bread with one another, saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." Share the wine with one another saying, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."]



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
C: Amen.

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father,  $\text{†}$  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
C: Amen.

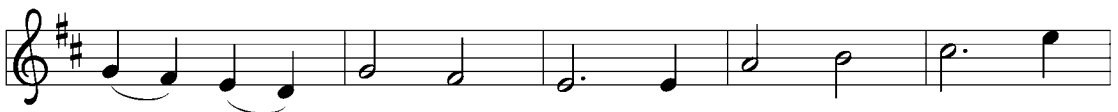
## SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## DISMISSAL

P: Be bold in the claiming of the gospel for the whole creation.  
Be brave in the lifting up of the life of God in every place.  
Be firm in carrying the holy name of Jesus Christ into the palaces of worldly power.  
Be gentle in the understanding of ourselves and one another.  
And may the songs of the Creator sound with love in all the earth, the tenderness of Christ  
Jesus cover the wounds of the people and the truth in the Holy Spirit rise free in every age.

C: **Amen**

## POSTLUDE

### Welcome, Worship Guests!

Thank you for joining us in online worship today. You are always welcome. You may also visit our website, [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org), to learn about other ways you can be part of life at Mount Olive in this "exilic" time. Online classes, devotions, and suggestions for support and service are available to you as well. God's peace be yours.



### Worship Participants

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Preaching          | Rev. Luke Hollander        |
| Presiding Minister | Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson      |
| Organist/Pianist   | Deacon Travis Beck         |
| Psalmist           | Richard Bruxvoort Colligan |
| Assisting Minister | Rev. Lisa Janke            |

### Weekly Communication Update

You have probably noticed that Mount Olive has a new way of sending a weekly email update containing the week's worship service link, bulletin, and more about upcoming events. Soon, we will transition to sending this message from the [office@molive.org](mailto:office@molive.org) email address. **Please mark this address safe so that our messages don't go to your junk folder.**



## Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ All who are impacted by COVID-19 and the essential workers who continue to respond to this crisis with deep courage and compassion.
- ◆ All who are suffering, those living in fear, and all who have experienced racial violence or discrimination. May we be open to deep learning and discomfort so that our words and actions dismantle racism, not perpetuate it.
- ◆ For all involved in the trial of Derek Chauvin, as well as those gathered to pray, protest and keep vigil for George Floyd and Daunte Wright – that wisdom, compassion and justice may prevail.
- ◆ All homebound members
- ◆ For our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. May our partnership expand our appreciation for the work of the church in the world.

## Tailgate Worship This Sunday, April 18



The weather forecast looks great for Tailgate Worship, this Sunday, April 18, at 11:00 am. If you haven't given it a try yet, please join us! As usual, worshippers will be tuning into the service via FM radio. Bring some wine/juice and cracker/bread for Holy Communion. You may bring your lawn chair if you'd like to sit outside. Masks and social distancing

will be expected. Look for the week's song sheet and any weather updates on the church website, [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org) or the Mount Olive [Facebook page](#).

## Prayer-a-thon Fundraiser

On April 24, Mount Olive youth and friends will be praying all day for our church, our community and our world! For 24 hours straight, youth attending our trip to Colorado will participate in a Prayer-a-thon in efforts to cover the costs of

two 15-passenger vans and gas (approximately \$4,000). We are asking for you to consider donating \$1, \$2, \$5 or even \$10/hour of prayer to help cover our travel expenses. You can give [online](#) or you can send or drop off cash/checks at the church. Please indicate your donation is for the Youth Trip. Reach out to Pastor Luke with any questions or support.





## Women's Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting for all women of the congregation will be Monday, **May 3rd** at 6:30 pm on Zoom. Zoom ID: 980 252 5207 or click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9802525207> The meeting will include a speaker, Rev. Heidi Heimgartner, and election of officers for the coming year. Pastor Heidi, who also spoke at the fall meeting, will continue her engaging conversation about the ELCA social statement- Faith, Sexism, and Justice. Please contact Regina Seabrook, Mount Olive Women of the ELCA President, with any questions you may have- [rseabroo@gmail.com](mailto:rseabroo@gmail.com).

## Family Service Rochester Offers Online Programs for Seniors

Mount Olive member Loren Else will lead online programs geared towards seniors each Wednesday in April at 1:00 pm. Participation is easy! Use your computer or smart phone, or borrow the technology and internet access for FREE from Family Service Rochester. A coach to assist you with set-up will be provided. To register for any of these events, email [jglynn@familyservicerochester.org](mailto:jglynn@familyservicerochester.org) or ask for Jackie at 507-287-2010.

**April 21** – 1 pm – Diary of a WWII Sailor on the USS Portland

**April 28** – 1 pm - The Story of Hartley Robey, Minnesota soldier

## Family Promise Resumes Hosting Homeless Families

Family promise wants to thank all of you who donated money and meals! We are happy to report that the first family has graduated from the new day center—called The Northstar. Meals are still needed, and starting April 1st a new idea—kitchen connections—began. A few days a week we are asking for ingredients and a recipe to be dropped off for the families. Please see the Signup Genius link for more information and to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4aa22a3f94-kitchen>

Please contact Erin Sinnwell, Mount Olive member and Family Promise Board President with any questions: [etracy515@hotmail.com](mailto:etracy515@hotmail.com) or 507-990-6079.

## Lenten Giving Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod initiative, **40 Together: 1 Body, 1 Dollar, 40 Days**, during the Lenten season. The Mount Olive council voted to include the Easter offerings as well to total over \$5000 that will be sent in offering.

## When Will We Worship Together (Indoors) Again?

This question is on all our minds these days. How exciting it is to know that even now, anticipation is building as we consider when we can once again gather indoors together for worship. Please look at the front page of the April edition of [The Messenger](#) for Pastor Glenn's article about all the factors being considered in these decisions. Rest assured, we will communicate with you regularly as to any plans we have going forward.



## Olive Branch

### Off The Page: Sunday afternoons

Olive Branch does bible study a little differently, reading a text together then engaging our creative sides to open our hearts and minds to hearing something new, different, and personal. We encourage questions, hesitations, push-back, silliness, and yelling "Off The Page" when you have an "Aha!" moment. Join us for a 3-week series on Ephesians 4-6 (focusing on one chapter each week)



**DATES:** Sundays, April 11 - 25, 2021

**TIME:** 2:30 - 4:00 pm

**Register via Eventbrite:** <https://ephesiansotp.eventbrite.com>

### Artist's Studio Movie Night

This is our second to last Artist's Studio event of the season, and we will be watching a movie! Bring your art supplies (or use ours) and we'll meet in the fellowship hall to do art while watching **The Proposal** starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds. This romantic comedy should be predictable enough to allow us to multitask, and entertaining enough for us to share some laughs together! Reserve your table: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/copy-of-artists-studio-presents-movie-night-tickets-150969585093>

### Sunday Psalm Prayer Service

Join Olive Branch Cantor Richard Bruxvoort Colligan every Sunday at 4:30 pm for engagement of the psalms with music, reflection, silence and prayer. Connect with the livestream each week through the Olive Branch YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPRunOmryq5TCrOsrXM50tw>



## Offerings

Your financial gifts to Mount Olive are more important than ever during this time. You may make a gift by clicking the green "Donate Now" button at the bottom of the church website homepage-

[www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org) or simply put a check in the mail to the church office at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2830 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. If you are interested in learning more about electronic giving, please contact Bill Hollander in the church office and he can answer your questions. [bill.h@molive.org](mailto:bill.h@molive.org). Thank You!



### Next Sunday's Readings:

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| <b><u>Acts 4:5-12</u></b><br><i>Salvation in the name of Jesus</i> | <b><u>Psalms 23</u></b><br>The LORD is my shepherd;<br>I shall not be in want. | <b><u>1 John 3:16-24</u></b><br><i>Love in truth and action</i> | <b><u>John 10:11-18</u></b><br><i>Christ the shepherd</i> |
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