

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church

## *The First Book of Kings Chapter 19*

9 There he went into a cave and hid there all night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD Almighty. The Israelites have broken your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me." 11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

What  
Are  
You  
Doing  
Here,  
Elijah?

10th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 9, 2020

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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

"Come Thou Fount"

Jason, Erin, and Lydia Sinnwell

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



## GATHERING HYMN

## "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW #759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## 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:** **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

10th Sunday of Pentecost

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18 (NRSV)

<sup>9</sup>At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your



covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

<sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15 (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”



L: Word of God, Word of Life,  
C: Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

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

### SERMON

"Good Trouble"

Pastor Glenn Monson

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### 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 goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, 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. 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: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

[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 preserve you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ☩ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW #773



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
near, When my life is al - most gone,  
near, And the day is past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I  
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my



light, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## 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. Dr. Glenn Monson
Presiding Minister	Rev. Luke Hollander
Organist	Deacon Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	Heather and Kate Klavetter
Lectors	Eric and Parker Klavetter

## Announcement of a Special Congregational Meeting, August 3-9

Intern Pastor Luke Hollander has been officially approved by the synod for ordination and call. In order to formally call Pastor Luke to the post of Associate Pastor of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, a special open meeting is being held August 3-9, 2020. All voting members should have received a letter and ballot by mail. If you did not receive your ballot, please contact the church office. Ballots are to be marked and returned to the church by mail or in-person anytime by midnight, August 9.

## Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Those injured, dying, and grieving because of the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon this week
- ◆ Those sick, recovering, anxious, homebound, or grieving because of COVID 19.
- ◆ All who are experiencing job loss, reduction of employment, or financial instability.
- ◆ All who are entering into the hard work of confronting institutional racism in ourselves and our society.
- ◆ All homebound members

We pray that God's generous welcome might be known to all people, especially our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. May God's welcome come to them and through them, that all might be blessed.

## Do You Like to Color, Draw, or Write?

Every week, the worship bulletin is mailed to members of Mount Olive who live in congregate living facilities. We would like to include a colored picture, drawing, or letter. What a great way to put a smile on someone's face and make a new friend. Please include your name and address on the back of your picture. You can email the picture to Carrie Fletcher at [carrie@molive.org](mailto:carrie@molive.org), text a photo to (507) 272-1906, or you can also drop it off at church anytime Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. There will be a labeled bin in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Fletcher at [carrie@molive.org](mailto:carrie@molive.org).



## Support for Lutheran Campus Ministry



We have been asked to provide encouragement for Lutheran Campus Ministries (LCM) in our Synod this summer. As students prepare to return to college, either in-person or online, our campus ministries are going to be important sources of encouragement for these students.

Between now and August 14, congregations all over the SE MN Synod are asked to make a special gift to LCM. The Mount Olive Executive Council has already decided to make a gift of \$500 above our yearly pledge. If you would also like to lend your support to LCM, you can add to this sum, by making a gift to Mount Olive by August 14, and marking it "Lutheran Campus Ministries." 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. Thank you very much.

## If You Are In Need of Pastoral Care, Help with Errands, etc.

If you are having difficulty at this time of crisis, are in need of pastoral care, help with errands such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, meals, etc., or if you would simply enjoy a friendly phone call on a regular basis, please let us know, as there are a number of Mount Olive volunteers who are willing to help. You may contact the church office at 507-288-1580 or email Nancy Britson at [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org). If you leave a message, we will return your call. In-person pastoral visits will continue to only be done in the case of emergencies.

**If you have a prayer request** and would like the prayer chain to be in prayer for you or someone you love, or if you would like to join the prayer chain as one who prays, please contact Kim Ignatius at: 507-271-6087 or [ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net](mailto:ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net).

## 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 would like to give automatically and do not already do so, you may contact Bill Hollander in the church office, to set this up - [bill.h@molive.org](mailto:bill.h@molive.org). Thank You!



## Collection of Items for Family Promise

Family Promise currently does not have any families participating in the program and during this time of Covid-19, they are focusing on helping families that are about to lose housing-- a model known as shelter diversion. While we will not be "hosting" or providing meals for any families during our host week in August, we have asked if there are any items they are in need of. There will be a bin near the entrance of the church marked "Family Promise" to collect the following personal care items:

- Men and Women's Shampoo
- Men, Women and Child Body Soap
- Travel Sized Shaving Cream
- Men and Women's Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent
- Individual Shower Caddies
- Adult Toothbrushes
- Pillows



Please make sure all items are **NEW**, nothing used please. Contact Erin Sinnwell (507-990-6079) with any questions. Please drop items off between the dates of **August 10th and August 17th**. (The church doors are open from 6:30 am –5:30 pm Mon.-Fri.)

## Baby Care Kit Sewing Projects Available

Receiving blankets to be hemmed and baby jackets to be sewed are available to pick up from the cabinet in the Gathering Area.

Directions are included for these simple projects. Return finished items to the same cabinet.

Contact Cathy Hanson with any questions - 398-3917 or [kchanson89@gmail.com](mailto:kchanson89@gmail.com).



## Fabric Mask Update:

**If You Need a Mask** for yourself or a family member, please contact the church office– 288-1580 or [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).

Olmsted Medical Center is currently taking a break from receiving masks and will resume on August 17. If you'd like information on how to make a mask and contribute to the community collections, patterns and tutorial videos are available on the Mount Olive website, [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org).



## Next Sunday's Readings:

### Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

*A house of prayer  
for all peoples*

### Psalms 67

Let all the peoples  
praise you, O God.

### Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*God's mercy to all, Jew  
and Gentile*

### Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

*The healing of the  
Canaanite woman's  
daughter*

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