

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Baptism of Our Lord
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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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen



GATHERING HYMN

"God Whose Almighty Word"

ELW #673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

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 God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after 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

Baptism of Our Lord

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: Word of God, Word of Life,

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

“Awe and Wonder”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God Said So, and That Changes Everything” Pastor Glenn Monson



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

ELW #455



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

L: Let us pray,

C: Have mercy, O God.

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 all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

[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: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter \mp keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW #671

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, — Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

to refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

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, 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/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck
Psalmist	Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
Assisting Minister/Lector	Diane Banach

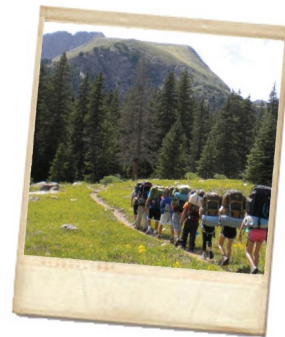
Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ All those feeling the effects of COVID 19, including the sick, homebound, or grieving, those who have lost jobs or been financially impacted, teachers and students.
- ◆ All essential employees working in difficult situations to keep us safe.
- ◆ All homebound members

We pray that God's presence would make itself known to all, and especially to our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. Bring hope, faith, and peace to our siblings in Christ, and grant that your presence might be seen in them by all they encounter.

Colorado Youth Trip Rescheduled!

Mount Olive high school students are invited to participate in an adventure of a lifetime. We will leave Saturday, July 24 and be back on Sunday, August 1. Highlights will include white-water rafting the Arkansas River, working our way through the high ropes course, and a 3-day backpacking trip through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Colorado. A number of you have signed up again and we hope a few more of you will join. Please reach out to Pastor Luke if you are interested or if you have a friend you might like to invite – luke@molive.org. We will have an initial 30 minute Zoom planning meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 7:30pm.



Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will meet Tuesday, January 12 at 10:00 am, socially distanced in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join them, please contact Vickie Kubly at 507-282-7696. All supplies and guidance are provided.

Tailgate Worship January 10

Tailgate Worship will continue this Sunday, January 10, at 11:00 am. As usual, worshippers will be tuning into the service via FM radio, and with COVID restrictions now in place, everyone is asked to remain in their cars for the entire event, as well as before and after. Bring some wine/juice and cracker/bread for Holy Communion. Look for the week's song sheet and any weather updates on the church website, www.molive.org.

Annual Budget Meeting January 17

For those wishing to review the proposed budget for 2021 prior to the Annual Meeting on January 31, a Budget Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 17. The financial officers, and Executive Council will be present at that meeting to answer your questions. All voting members are welcome. The link to this meeting was sent to all members. Budget materials are available upon request to Bill— bill.h@molive.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting January 31

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held virtually on Sunday, **January 31**. The meeting will open at 10:30 am and be called to order at 11:00 am. A small group of leaders will gather in-person in the Sanctuary at Mount Olive and all other participants are invited to gather via YouTube live, or for those without a computer, via Zoom by calling a designated phone number. Further directions regarding your participation in this important meeting and links for YouTube and Zoom were sent out by email/mail. The annual report of the congregation will be available as a pdf or a copy may be picked up in the church office beginning Jan. 21. Members must be present at the virtual meeting to cast a vote for election of officers/ministry leaders, approval of the annual budget, and any other items necessitating a vote. Ballots will be sent to them by mail and must be returned to the Mount Olive office. Voting will take place January 31 – February 7.

Pastor Glenn's Lutheranism 101 Class

If you have never been confirmed in the Lutheran faith and would like to receive instruction towards this, it is not too late to join Pastor Glenn's Lutheranism 101 class which began January 6. Meeting Wednesdays through February 3, at 6:30 pm via Zoom, this class explores the treasures of the Lutheran faith, and introduces spiritual practices that have sustained Christians for millennia. To sign up, receive a book, or learn more, contact Pastor Glenn anytime, glenn@molive.org.

Online Sunday School Resumes January 10

Online Sunday School will resume following a break for the holidays on January 10. The YouTube links are available each week on Mount Olive's YouTube channel and also shared on the Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Luke— luke@molive.org.



Artist's Studio Continues

Olive Branch continues to gather each Monday from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Artist's Studio. In the coming months we will repeat some of the most well-received workshops and offer some new ones, along with Open Studio nights to work on any project you choose. This coming Monday, January 11 is an open studio night. Click here to register:



Olive Branch

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/127904908023>

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. This will be a live event on YouTube. We are working out the details on how to best share the livestream link each week – but you will surely be able to connect through the Olive Branch YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPRunOmryq5TCrOsrXM5Otw>

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 or simply put a check in the mail to the church office at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 2830 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Offering envelopes for any members who do not use *Simply Giving* have been made available to pick up in the church entry. 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. Thank You!



Prayers and Prayer Chain Updates

Mount Olive members and friends in need of prayer are being remembered by prayer chain members, the Mount Olive staff, and are included in bulletins that are mailed to a number of members. Prayer chain requests are sent along via email to the group as they are received by the prayer chain coordinator, Kim Ignatius, and also sent out before weekend services. 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 at: 507-271-6087 or ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net. You may also contact any of the pastors with requests via phone or email—see contact info. below.

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

The calling of Samuel

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

You have searched me out and known me.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Glorify God in your body

John 1:43-51

The calling of the first disciples

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