

Mount
Olive
Lutheran
Church



A Reconciling in
Christ Community

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 16, 2022
9:00 am

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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."

WELCOME CENTER

Visitors, as you leave the Sanctuary, directly to the right on the corner, you'll find a host who will welcome you and can answer questions you may have about Mount Olive. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or if you need a hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions or are interested in membership at Mount Olive.

CHILD CARE

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available in the Mount Olive nursery, located at the end of the front entry hall. Pagers are available for communication with parents.

COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion each week. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive a wafer. You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server. Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.

VIDEO RECORDING

Services are recorded and published on YouTube. Note that parishioners will not generally appear in the recording unless seated in the front rows of the sanctuary. You can find the services at www.youtube.com/MountOliveELCA.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *(Please stand as you are able.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel as you are able.)



P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

ELW #531

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| <p>1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav’n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside</p> | <p>3 The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav’n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord.</p> |
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Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight
Come and revel in heaven’s love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.

- 2 Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He’ll fill you up with love divine;
he’ll turn your water into wine. *Refrain*

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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.



GLORY TO GOD

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, the high - est.
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Ho - ly God, heav-enHy God, God our al-might-y pro - vid-or: we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for _ your glo - ry. *to refrain*

2 Christ, the On - ly Be - got - ten of God; Christ, the Lamb of God; you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. *to refrain*

You who sit at God's right hand: re - ceive our prayer.

3 You a - lone are ho - ly; you a - lone, our guide;
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it in the ra-diance of God, our Life.



Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, the
high - est. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSV)

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 36:5-10 (NRSV) *read responsively*

L: ⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

C: ⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.



L: ⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

C: ⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

L: ⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

C: ¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please stand.)*

“Alleluia”

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

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

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

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the

mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what

concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the

servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the

Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the

jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out,

and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had

become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the

water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good

wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept

the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed

his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

**SERMON**

"Running Low on Everything"
A moment of silence follows the sermon

Pastor Glenn Monson

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

ELW #312

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| <p>1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,
 guest and master, friend and Lord;
 now, as once at Cana's wedding,
 speak and let us hear your word:
 lead us through our need or doubting,
 hope be born and joy restored.</p> | <p>3 Jesus, come! in new creation,
 heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
 give your unexpected glory,
 changing water into wine:
 rouse the faith of your disciples—
 come, our first and greatest Sign!</p> |
| <p>2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
 guide us into paths unknown;
 bring your gifts, command your servants,
 let us trust in you alone:
 though your hand may work in secret,
 all shall see what you have done.</p> | <p>4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
 make us willing to receive
 more than we can yet imagine,
 all the best you have to give:
 let us find your hidden riches,
 taste your love, believe, and live!</p> |

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM – LILLY GRACE BURKHARDT

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

P: Let us affirm our faith:

C: We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all that is. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.



You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

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

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

P: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

(Please share a sign of God’s peace with one another.)

MEAL

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

The practice of making an offering during worship is an ancient one. Even before offerings were used for ministry needs and personnel, offerings were given simply as an expression of gratitude to God. Today our offerings do both: they provide needed funds for ministry and they are a way of expressing our gratitude to God for all the blessings we receive.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* “Let Us Go Now to the Banquet”

ELW #523

Refrain / Estribillo

Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble’s set and a place is
wait - ing; come, ev - ’ry - one, with your gifts to share.



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God, the cre - a - tor.



God of pow - er, God of might, your glo - ry fills the u - ni - verse.



Blest is he who comes to us and bears your ho - ly name.



Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis, Sav - ior God, Most High.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION



God is made known to us through a variety of names and images. You are encouraged to use language of your choosing for the Lord's Prayer, including the way you address God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all. All are welcome here!

Please be seated.

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive a wafer.

You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server.

Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN****“What Feast of Love”**

ELW #487

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| <p>1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!</p> | <p>3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!</p> |
| <p>2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!</p> | |

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand.)*

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: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING**BENEDICTION**

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW #310

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

DISMISSAL

L: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*Ezra reads the law of
Moses before the people*

Psalm 19

The teaching of the
LORD revives the
soul.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

You are the body of Christ

Luke 4:14-21

*Jesus reads from the
scroll of the prophet
Isaiah*

Welcome, Worship Guests!

Thank you for joining us for 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. You can sign up there to receive our weekly email updates which contain information about upcoming events as well as links to the weekly online services, newsletters, and lots more.



Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ All Homebound members
- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ Our Afghan refugee family.
- ◆ Our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. May the Light of Christ burn brightly in their communities, that the world might know the hope and strength of Jesus.
- ◆ People suffering with COVID-19 in the U.S. and abroad. Give endurance, support, and grace to those who minister to them, and bring hope and healing to all.
- ◆ Our country as we work to confront and stamp out the curse of racism in our land. Help us to be faithful followers of Christ as we go forward together.

Prayers of Celebration:

Lilly Grace Burkhart, baptized today, her mother, Becky Sheffield, sponsors, and grandparents, Chuck Sheffield and Jane Sheffield, as they raise her in the faith.

Worship Participants

Preaching	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Presiding Minister	Rev. Luke Hollander
Organist/Pianist	Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	Brandi Smith
Lector	Diane Banach
Greeter	Matt & Brandi Smith Family
Ushers	Matt, Luke, and Evan Smith
Communion Assistant	Diane Banach
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson
Altar Guild	Sharon Parker

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, January 16

9:00a - Worship Service
10:15a - Budget Meeting
12:00a - Sunday Forum (Z)
4:00p - Al-Anon Meeting

Monday, January 17

6:00p - Olive Branch Church (Z)

Tuesday, January 18

9:30a - Staff Meeting
10:00a - Prayer Shawls
3:30p - Families First
5:30p - Congregational Life Team (Z)
6:30p - Miriam Circle

Wednesday, January 19

3:30p - Families First
6:30p - Worship Service
7:00p - Confirmation (Z)
7:30p - Corinthians Bible Study (Z)

Thursday, January 20

9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters
10:30a - Corinthians Bible Study
7:00p - Lyra Chamber Concert
www.lyrabaroque.org – tickets
7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon
7:00p - Cub Scout Pack Meeting

Friday, January 21

5:00p - Bolder Options

Saturday, January 22

8:30a - Men's Discipleship (Z)
8:30a - How Al-Anon Works
9:00a - Altar Guild Meeting/Setup

Sunday, January 23

9:00a - Worship Service
10:10a - Sunday Forum
4:00p - Al-Anon Meeting

Key - (Z) = Meeting on Zoom

Held in the Seasons: Epiphany

Epiphany is the third movement in a trilogy! (I know, I know; some sequels are awful, but stay with me). Advent anticipates the story of God's incarnation; Christmas celebrates that reality; and Epiphany is about manifesting that reality. This week's gospel reading from John 2 is the story of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding party.

John explains that this is Jesus' first sign that revealed his glory, attracting his first followers. Prayer: God, make your church a manifestation of your presence. Make our Mount Olive community the follow-through of your love and justice.



Wednesday Evening Worship

Regular Wednesday evening services have resumed. Consider joining us for worship in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Centered on the Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, this service has a more casual and reflective feel. Everyone is asked to wear a mask.

January Bible Study

Pastor Glenn's 4-week Bible Study on the book of 1st Corinthians meets **January 19 – February 9**. Classes will be held each Wednesday at 7:30 pm via Zoom, and Thursday mornings in-person at 10:30 am in the church library. **Sign-up today** and order a book at the cabinet in the Gathering Area at church or contact Nancy in the church office— nancy@molive.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting is January 30

During the Sunday Forum time on January 30, Mount Olive will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting. This important meeting will feature updates from staff and ministry teams, discussion of the 2022 budget, constitutional issues, elections, and a review and a look forward by Pastor Glenn. All voting members are encouraged to attend. We will begin at 10:10. Annual reports will be available to pick up beginning January 23 in the church office.

Where are My Offering Envelopes?

If you have ordered offering envelopes, we apologize that we do not yet have them for you. The company that prints them is way behind on their production and is working hard to fill our order. We will get them out to you as soon as we receive them. Thanks for your patience. Contact Bill in the church office with questions or to set up electronic giving.

Olive Branch Church This Monday

Out of an abundance of caution, next Monday night, January 17, Olive Branch Church will not meet in person. Instead, we will gather online for worship, pub theology style! Join Lisa and Richard this Monday night 6-7pm via Zoom for discussion about forgiveness. We'll watch videos featuring Bishop Desmond Tutu and Brené Brown. It's open to all of Mount Olive, Olive Branch regulars, people missing Pub Theology, and brand new folks, too! Join the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9802525207>
Questions? Email Lisa at lisa@molive.org.



Baby Care Kit Collection

This month we're collecting items for Baby Care Kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Below is a list of the items needed, or you may pick up a card from the table in the entry. In the past, t-shirts (up to size 2T) and flat fold cloth diapers were most needed. Please contact Cathy Hanson with any questions or to volunteer to help assemble kits - 507-398-3917.



2 T-shirts Light weight cotton	2 Receiving Blankets Flannel or cotton up to 52"	4 Cloth diapers Flat fold preferred	1 Hand towel Dark color preferred
2 pairs of socks	2 4-5oz bars of gentle soap In original wrapping	2 Diaper pins or large safety pins	

New This Week: Join Sunday Forum on Zoom!

The Mount Olive Team Exploring Anti-Racism invites you to an online Lunch & Learn this Sunday, **January 16** at noon. Rather than meet in-person following worship, we're trying something different. Grab your lunch and sign-in to zoom to learn about Bryan Stevenson, the author of "Just Mercy," and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. There will be time for questions and discussion. We will wrap up by 1:00 pm at the latest. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510587713> Meeting ID: 815 1058 7713

Note: We have copies of "Just Mercy" available to borrow through the end of January. Sign them out in the church office. On February 27th we will be hosting a showing of this movie at Gray Duck Theater.

Upcoming Forums: On Sunday, **January 23**, the Sunday Forum will be a round table discussion with 4 of our area legislators: Senator Senjem, Representatives Bolden, Liebling, and Quam, as well as the staff from Families First. The topic will be "Effective Partnerships for Affordable Childcare". On Sunday **Feb. 6** we continue our interfaith dialogues with our Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, and Buddhist friends around the topic, "What does my faith community/tradition teach regarding our responsibility for the well-being of the wider community?"

Open Budget Meeting January 16

If you would like to take a detailed look at the 2022 proposed budget, come to the Open Budget Meeting on **January 16**. Meet in the library at 10:15 am. This is an opportunity to go over the budget and ask any detailed questions.

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