

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



The 8th Sunday after
Pentecost

Sunday, July 18, 2021
9:00 am

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**A Reconciling in
Christ Community**

2830 18th Avenue NW
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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. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions or are interested in membership at Mount Olive.

HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or if you need a hearing assistance device. Devices are sanitized prior to use.

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.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Video Announcements

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please kneel as you are able.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW #611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NRSV)

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

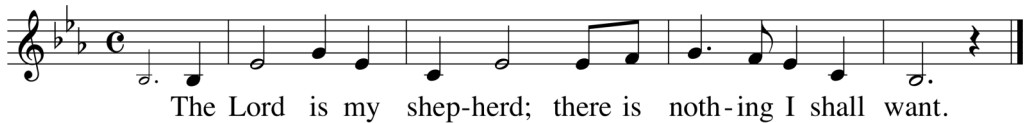
⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."



L: Word of God, Word of life,
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Refrain
sung by
congregation



L: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose. Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my drooping spirit.

Refrain

L: You guide me along the right path; you are true to your name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **Refrain**

L: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **Refrain**

L: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. **Refrain**

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GOSPEL (*Please stand.*)

Mark 6:14-29 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

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

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Luke Hollander



A moment of silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW #789



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.



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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

L: Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

P: Let us pray:

C: **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come! 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.

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: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.



SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

ELW #866

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and some phrasing slurs. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO we are march - ing in the light of God." The final staff ends with a double bar line.

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,
we are march - ing in the light of God.
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO
we are march - ing in the light of God.
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO
we are march - ing in the light of God.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Offering baskets will be visible as you leave.
Feel free to leave gifts in the basket provided or in the office drop box.*

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 ...

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Kings 4:42-44
*Elisha feeding a
hundred people*

Psalms 145:10-18
You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of
every living thing.

Ephesians 3:14-21
*Prayer for wisdom,
strength, and Christ's
indwelling*

John 6:1-21
*Christ feeding the
five thousand*

Worship Participants

Preaching & Presiding Minister	Rev. Luke Hollander
Organist/Pianist	Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	Diane Banach
Greeter	Donna Miller
Lector	Regina Seabrook
Ushers	Tom Rigby, Lori Kuhlmann-Leibfried
Communion Assistants	Donna Miller, Regina Seabrook
Nursery	Carrie Fletcher
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson

Miriam Hanson preaching August 1

Our seminarian, Miriam Hanson, newly graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, will be our guest preacher on August 1. Miriam will update us that day on her plans to attend Princeton Theological Seminary to receive additional training in theology and environmental studies. In order to show our support for Miriam, we invite you to make a gift to the Keith and Mary Beaver Seminary Scholarship Fund, any time between now and August 1. We hope to raise \$10,000 to support Miriam in this new venture. Envelopes are available on the Welcome Desk. Thank you.

Join Us! Legislative Wrap-Up: A Faith Perspective

The 2021 Legislative Session has concluded! Join the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, local congregations, faith leaders and community organizations to hear about policy changes to help struggling Minnesotans and our neighbors in need – and learn more about how the process works. Anne Krisnik, JRLC Executive Director, will share new laws impacting housing, emergency shelter, safety net programs and more. The event will take place **Thursday, August 5 from 6:30 – 8 PM** at Mount Olive. **RSVP** to 612-230-3232 or Joan Miltenberger, Statewide Organizer, at jmilttenberger@jrlc.org to ensure space for social distancing.

Youth Trip Departs Saturday

Pastor Luke, chaperone Kris Liedtke, and 18 high school youth will embark on a great adventure July 24th-July 31st. They will experience Bible study and outdoor adventures at Rainbow Trail Lutheran camp in the mountains of Colorado. They will tell the congregation about their experiences in worship on August 8. Please keep them in your prayers for a meaningful week and safe travel. Thank you to all who contributed financially to make the trip possible!

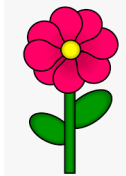
Mount Olive Fans to attend Minnesota Twins Game

Mount Olive is once again making the trek to Target Field to see our beloved Twins play on Sunday, **August 15th** as they take on the Tampa Bay Rays at 1:10 pm. We will leave the Mount Olive parking following indoor worship at 10:45 am and return following the game. For both a great seat in the first rows of Section 138 in right field and a seat on a comfortable coach bus, the cost is \$45. Guests are always welcome. **All reservations need to be made and paid for by Sunday, August 1.** A sign up sheet and payment envelopes are available in the church entry. Contact Pastor Glenn with any questions.



Flowers in the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide flowers on the chancel, sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet where you will find the calendar and payment envelopes. Place orders for special occasions or in memory of loved ones. Please write your name and the designation for the flowers on both the calendar and the payment envelope. Your envelope may then be placed in the offering plate or the office drop box. Thank you!



Olive Branch Church

What: A relaxed time of outdoor church goodness

Where: [Little Thistle Brewing Co.](#) on the patio (2031 14th St NW Rochester, MN 55901)

When: Mondays 5:30-7pm

Who: You and everybody! We're not looking for "members", just folks who love the Olive Branch vibe.

Lisa and Richard are thrilled to invite you to Olive Branch church this summer! Join us on the Little Thistle patio for Word, music, faith, questions, and all manner of goodness each Monday evening at 5:30.



Olive Branch



Summer Worship Volunteers Needed

We're looking for fully vaccinated volunteers to help with worship this Summer!

Sign up at the Welcome Desk today, or click here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1.

Contact Nancy Britson, with questions—nancy@molive.org or 507-288-1580 ext. 202.



Held in the Seasons:

Ordinary time after Pentecost

A bit of Psalm 85 sings, "Let us listen; God is speaking peace." Three thousand years ago (-ish), the community needed to hear that word of change. It felt like hope and relief. In this Green liturgical season after Pentecost, what might we hear from God if we listen? What are you noticing in the breeze, in your moments alone, and in the inspiration of conversation?

Women's Outing to Lanesboro

Join Mount Olive women for a fellowship outing to Lanesboro on **Saturday, July 24**. We'll meet noon-3:00 pm at Sylvan Park in downtown Lanesboro (202 Parkway Ave. S.) for a potluck lunch. Bring some food to share and your own beverage. You may bring bikes or money to rent bikes if you desire. We will also have a group for walking. Please contact Regina Seabrook at rseabroo@gmail.com to RSVP or with any questions. Everyone is welcome!



Next Chapter BBQ Coming Up

Next Chapter Ministry's 11th Annual BBQ Cookout fundraiser is coming up on July 24th & August 14th from 4pm to 8pm. You can pre-order your food now for July 24th pickups! A full meal of BBQ meat and sides is available for drive-through pick up at Christ Community Church, 4400 55th St. NW, Rochester. Go to the website below: www.nextchapterrochester.org/bbqorder to order food and/or donate to their fundraiser. Next Chapter's mission is to build lasting relationships with people who have been impacted by crime.

Women's Summer Bible Study

The next session of the women's summer Bible study, led by Elaine Monson, is coming up on **July 27** at 10:00 am in the church library. All women are welcome to attend. The study, entitled "Just Love part 2: Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!)" by Rev. Angela Khabeb is available for free from *Gather Magazine*. If you'd prefer a printed copy, ask Nancy Britson (nancy@molive.org) in the church office. For a download of the study and author-led videos for the June and July studies, visit the following link: <https://www.gathermagazine.org/summer-2021-just-love-part-2/>

