

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



The 9th Sunday after
Pentecost
Sunday, July 25, 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.

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

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ELW #689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.



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 9th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44 (NRSV)

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145



1 Sweet is the mem - 'ry of your grace, my God, my heav'n - ly King;
2 You reign on high, but not con - fine your good - ness to the skies;
3 With long - ing eyes your crea - tures wait on you for dai - ly food;



let age to age your right - eous - ness in sounds of glo - ry sing.
through all the earth your boun - ty shines, and ev - 'ry want sup - plies.
your gra - cious hand pro - vides their meat, and fills their mouths with good.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before God, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may



be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit,¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to all, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,²¹ to them be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL (*Please stand.*)

John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.

²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



SERMON

Deacon Travis Beck

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

“Build a Longer Table”



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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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.

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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: 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

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jason and Lydia Sinnwell

*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:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The LORD gives manna in the wilderness

Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Maintain the unity of the faith

John 6:24-35

Christ the bread of life

Worship Participants

Preaching	Deacon Travis Beck
Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Organist/Pianist	Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	Paul Johnsen
Greeter	Pam Hansen
Lector	Pam Hansen
Ushers	Jenn DeClercq, Don Halley
Communion Assistants	Sandy Dalquist
Nursery	Carrie Fletcher
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson
Altar Guild	Jenn DeClercq, Pam Wright

Miriam Hanson preaching August 1

Our seminarian, Miriam Hanson, newly graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, will be our guest preacher next weekend. Miriam will update us on her plans to attend Princeton Theological Seminary to receive training in theology and environmental studies. To show our support for Miriam, we invite you to make a gift to the Keith and Mary Beaver Seminary Scholarship Fund 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 leaders from the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) to hear about policy changes to help struggling Minnesotans and our neighbors in need. 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.

Youth Trip Departed Saturday

On Saturday, Pastor Luke, chaperone Kris Liedtke, and 18 high school youth embarked on a great adventure to Rainbow Trail Lutheran camp in the mountains of Colorado August 24 to July 31. 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.

Olive Branch at Berne Pizza Artisan Market

Did you know that Olive Branch has an Artist Collective? We are a group of creative people who enjoy being creative in fellowship with one another. You can visit us and peruse our art at the Berne Wood-Fired Pizza Artisan Market Night



on **August 4, 2021, 4:30 – 8:00 pm**. This is a wonderful promotional opportunity for Olive Branch and we will have wall art and greeting cards for sale. There will also be live music and wood-fired pizza, so bring your lawn chairs and plan to stay for the evening. For more information on the concert or to pre-order pizza: <https://www.bernepizza.org/concerts>

Mount Olive Fans to attend Minnesota Twins Game

There's still room on the bus to Target Field to see Twins play on Sunday, **August 15th** at 1:10 pm. We will leave the Mount Olive parking following indoor worship at 10:45 am. 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. **All reservations need to be made and paid for by Wednesday, July 28.** A sign up sheet and payment envelopes are available in the church entry.

Olive Branch Church



Olive Branch

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.



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

What's ripening around you? Flowers and vegetables in your neighborhood don't grow at the same pace. Lilacs are done blooming, but garden broccoli might be ready now. Sweet corn might take another week or two.

In the Green season after Pentecost, may I ask you?: What's ripening inside you? What changes are you absolutely ripe and ready for, and what's not quite there? Notice these things with the generous patience of God our Joyful Gardener, and enjoy the garden of your faith-life as it grows in the summer heat.



"Held in Pentecost" Adult Forum August 22- For the first seasonal event of our year-long "Held in the Seasons: A Year of Noticing" project, our guest presenter will be Julie Stevens, Director of Contemplative Practices at Gloria Dei Lutheran. Julie is a super-creative spiritual director who will bring her gift for listening and passion for connecting with the natural world as she leads us to deepen into this Green season. We'll have special refreshments and music led by Travis and Richard. **Sign up today in the Gathering Area!**

Women's Summer Bible Study

The next session of the women's summer Bible study, led by Elaine Monson, is coming up this Tuesday, **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/> .



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