

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



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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 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

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

ELW #679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



WORD

6th Sunday of Pentecost

FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34 (NRSV)

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Pad-dan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.

³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

L: Word of God, Word of Life,

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119

"You Are a Light On My Path"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-23 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

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



¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁰Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' ¹⁴With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn — and I would heal them.' ¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

ELW #550



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

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, 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	Deacon Travis Beck
Presiding Minister	Rev. Lisa Janke
Organist	Deacon Travis Beck
Psalmist	Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
Assisting Minister & Lector	Becky Lashinski

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. 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. Thank You!



Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ 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.



Olive Branch Centering Prayer Continues for the Summer Mondays, 10:00 – 10:30 am

Olive Branch continues to offer Centering Prayer every Monday morning from 10:00–10:30 am on Zoom. This 20 minutes of restorative silence can help set a positive tone for the rest of your week. Zoom Meeting ID: 927 8404 9062. No password required. Email Pastor Lisa with any questions—lisa@molive.org.

Summer Garden Helpers Needed

If you are willing to help keep the church grounds looking good by trimming, weeding, picking up sticks, etc., please contact Bill Hollander in the church office for more details- bill@molive.org. Vegetable garden helpers, contact Carrie Fletcher at carrie@molive.org.

Quilt Kits Available

Kits of fabric squares and instructions for making Lutheran World Relief quilt tops are now available for pick up at church. The kit bin is in the marked cabinet in the Gathering Area cupboard. Return completed quilt tops to the same cabinet. Contact Elaine Monson at 507-272-6404 with any questions.



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.



Lutheran
World
Relief

Fabric Mask Update:

Mount Olive sewers have made hundreds of masks that have been provided to medical facilities and senior living homes around Rochester as well as to Mount Olive members and friends. Mask patterns and tutorial videos, and drop off instructions are available on the Mount Olive website, www.molive.org.

If You Need a Mask for yourself or a family member, please contact Elaine Monson at 507-272-6404.

July-September Devotion Books Available

The Word in Season daily devotion books for July-September are now available for pick up. Several copies have been left on the Welcome Desk in the church entry, which is open week days during the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for the daycare. **If you would prefer to receive the book in the mail**, contact Nancy Britson in the church office-507-288-1580 or nancy@molive.org.



Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob's dream of the ladder to heaven

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

You have searched me out and known me.

Romans 8:12-25

The revealing of the children of God

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The parable of the weeds



50 Years of Ordained Women

With gratitude for those who have gone before and hope for the future, the ELCA gives thanks to God for the ministry of women. In 2019 and 2020 we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely. At Mount Olive, we celebrate the gifts and service that women, especially Pastor Lisa, have brought to our church and our world as pastors. To learn more about the history of the ordination decision and see other available informational resources, please go to <https://www.elca.org/50yearsofordainedwomen>.

If You Are In Need of Pastoral Care, Prayers or Help with Errands

If you are in need of pastoral care or help with errands, you may contact the church office at 507-288-1580 or email Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org. If you have prayer requests to share please contact Kim Ignatius at: 507-271-6087 or ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net.

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