

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



The 3rd Sunday after
Pentecost
Sunday, June 13, 2021
9:00 am

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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 MUSIC

Video Announcements

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ELW #693



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
 wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.

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, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.



WORD

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (NRSV)

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92

“Planted in Your House”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

GOSPEL *(Please stand.)*

Mark 4:26-34 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

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

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jan Rippentrop Schnell

A moment of silence follows the sermon.


HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*
“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”


1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

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

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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

"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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DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Following worship, please remain in your pew until you are dismissed by an usher. Offering baskets will be visible as you leave. You are invited to stay for fellowship time outdoors on the patio on the East side of the church or outside the front doors.

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.



Worship Participants

Preaching	Rev. Dr. Jan Rippentrop Schnell
Presiding Ministers	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson, Rev. Luke Hollander, Rev. Lisa Janke.
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck
Psalmist	Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
Lector	Tom Rigby
Ushers	Tom Rigby, Paul Schaefer
Nursery	Carrie Fletcher
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson

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.

Congregational Picnic 2021

*FREE FOOD! GAMES! GOODNESS!
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN
SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH NOON*

Congregational Picnic Today!

Sunday, June 13th, join us at noon for a catered picnic following a special 11:00 am worship service (see more details on the next page) on the front lawn. Starting at noon, there'll be **FREE** food featuring grilled burgers, hotdogs, brats, sides, and cookies. Afterwards, stay to enjoy games and fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets. There will be a special indoor presentation by Rev. Dr. Jan Rippentrop Schnell

on the liturgical seasons beginning at 1:00 pm. We're celebrating the great news that our application to the Calvin Institute for a worship grant was approved. We are receiving \$14,000 to support a year-long program deepening Mount Olive's appreciation of the liturgical seasons. As we move through the church year together, we're planning seasonal events loaded with learning, imagination, music and art.



Graduate Recognition

June 13, 11:00 am Outdoor Worship

Mount Olive's graduating high school seniors will be recognized at the 11:00 am outdoor service today. Please join us to give them a blessing as they go out into the world.

Things to know about In-person Worship Services...

WELCOME CENTER

Visitors, please stop at the Welcome Center in the front entry. A host will welcome you and can answer questions you may have about Mount Olive. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life, at nancy@molive.org or (507) 288-1580 ext. 202 if you have 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 provided by fully vaccinated caregivers. The nursery is 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.

OFFERING

Following worship today, you may make a gift in the offering basket available as you leave the sanctuary. You can also scan the QR code available by the basket.

FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, please remain in your pew until you are dismissed by an usher. Please exit the building promptly. You are invited to stay for fellowship time outdoors on the patio on the East side of the church or outside the front doors.

Outdoor Worship on the Lawn This Sunday!

This Sunday, June 13, we will switch from our Tailgate Worship format to offer an outdoor service on the west lawn of the church at 11:00 am. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Jan Rippentrop Schnell will give the message. During this service we will also recognize Mount Olive's high school seniors. We will offer Holy Communion for all. You may bring your lawn chair or a blanket to spread on the lawn or use one of the chairs provided. Following worship, all are invited to the Congregational picnic at noon with games and fellowship to follow.

Olive Branch Church Launches!



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.

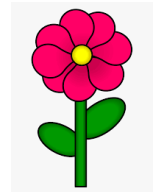


Women's Summer Bible Study

For the months of June, July, and August, a women's Bible study will be offered on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the church library. All women, regardless of their membership in a circle, 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 the *Gather Magazine* website. If you'd prefer a printed copy, ask Nancy in the church office. The study may also be downloaded to your tablet from this link: <https://www.gathermagazine.org/summer-2021-just-love-part-2/> We hope to see you on Tuesday **June 22** for the first session.



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.

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.

Dorothy Day Hospitality House Meals Needed

Dorothy Day Hospitality House has resumed serving meals to their guests. Mount Olive provides the evening meal on the first Friday of each month. The next open dates are July 2 and August 6. If you would be willing to drop off a meal or order pizza to serve approximately 14 people at 6:00 pm, please sign up at the Gathering Area cabinet or contact Jene Bodensteiner, Dorothy Day House volunteer coordinator for Mount Olive - jbode6@icloud.com.



Next Sunday's Readings:

Job 38:1-11

The creator of earth and sea

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul's defense of his ministry

Mark 4:35-41

Christ calming the sea

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