

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



A Reconciling in
Christ Community

Festival of Pentecost
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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

"Toccata in E Minor"
Johann Pachelbel

Travis Beck

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Spirit of the Living God, visit us again this day as on the day of Pentecost.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With love that overleaps the boundaries of race and nation,

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With power from above to turn our weakness into strength.

C: Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

ELW #399



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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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: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Day of Pentecost

VIDEO PRESENTATION

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 for viewing at www.bibleproject.com"

**FIRST READING**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (NRSV)

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L: Word of God, Word of Life,

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-23 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Church is Closed?"

Pastor Glenn Monson

A moment of silence follows the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

ELW #522



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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: Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. 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 rose beyond the bounds of death, and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy.

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."

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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: Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ.

[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: Merciful God, in the stillness of our souls we listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that you are near us, keeping watch over your own. Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. Then take us by the hand into each day that lies ahead, for where you lead we can confidently go with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“O Day Full of Grace”

ELW #627



All 1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 All 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 Choir 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 All 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



All earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 All cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 Choir life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 All us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



All be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 All stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 Choir lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 All glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



All now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 All gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 Choir mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 All join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Worship Participants

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Organist	Deacon Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	Serena Oudekirk
Lector	Tracy Schramm

Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from injury.
- ◆ Those sick, recovering, anxious, homebound, or grieving because of COVID 19.
- ◆ All who are experiencing job loss, reduction of employment, or financial instability.
- ◆ All homebound members

We pray that the good news of Christ's death and resurrection might be proclaimed through our companion congregations in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. Grant that their good works might shine in the darkness, bringing glory to God and blessing to all.

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.





Pentecost Sunday

We'll be observing Pentecost in our worship this weekend. It's an opportunity to celebrate the gifts and challenges of being the Church in this amazing time and to reflect on how all of us can continue to be witnesses "to the ends of the earth." Please "stay tuned" for the end of our online worship service to see photos of members dressed in red to celebrate the day.

If You Are In Need of Pastoral Care, Help with Errands, etc.

If you are having difficulty at this time of crisis, are in need of pastoral care, help with errands such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, meals, etc., or if you would simply enjoy a friendly phone call on a regular basis, please let us know, as there are a number of Mount Olive volunteers who are willing to help. You may contact the church office at 507-288-1580 or email Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org. If you leave a message, we will return your call. In-person pastoral visits will continue to only be done in the case of emergencies.

Connecting Helpers with Those in Need

All members are encouraged to be caregivers for one another in this difficult time. We know that those who have sent cards, letters, and emails, and made calls to spread encouragement have been greatly appreciated. Others have offered to do errands for people who can't get out or are afraid to do, helped set up Zoom, or sewed some masks. Mount Olive has an online sign up sheet for anyone willing to be a resource. It is monitored and as requests come in, we will connect those in need with those who are willing to help. **If you would like to volunteer to help** in any of the ways mentioned above, follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/tga8yxu>

THANK YOU
#HELPERS

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!



Intern Luke Completes Internship, Begins Parental Leave

On May 25th, Luke's internship at Mount Olive was officially over. His final interview with the synod candidacy committee happened the last week of May. Assuming that goes well and pending a positive congregational vote, he will be ordained sometime this summer at Mount Olive. We will be sure to let you know when a date is set. With Internship and the program year complete, Intern Luke began a 6-week parental leave on May 25 and it will continue through the July 4th weekend, when he will return as "Associate Pastor" Luke. Congratulations on these milestones; we will look forward to your return!



Fabric Mask Update:

Thank you to everyone who has been sewing face masks, you are making a difference! Hundreds of masks have been provided to medical facilities and senior living homes around Rochester as well as Mount Olive members and friends. The Mount Olive quilters have provided bags of fabric to make masks. Feel free to pick up a bag or two from the table in the entry. Mask patterns, tutorial videos, and drop off instructions are available on the Mount Olive website, www.molive.org.

If You Need a Mask:

If you would like a mask for yourself or a family member, please contact Elaine Monson at 507-272-6404.

Prayers and Prayer Chain Update

Mount Olive members and friends in need of prayer are being remembered by prayer chain members and the Mount Olive staff. If you have not already, now may be the time you would want to join the Mount Olive prayer chain. Prayers requests are sent along via email to the group as they are received by the prayer chain coordinator, Kim Ignatius, and also sent out before weekend services. If you have a prayer request and would like the prayer chain to be in prayer for you or someone you love, or if you would like to join the prayer chain as one who prays, please contact Kim at: 507-271-6087 or ignatius.kimberlie@charter.net. You may also contact any of the pastors with requests via phone or email.

Olive Branch Centering Prayer



Olive Branch

Mondays, 10:00 – 10:30 am

In stressful and anxious times, it is important to take pause. You are invited to join us on Zoom for a time of silent prayer that focuses on the presence of God. Pastor Lisa Janke will begin with a short introduction to Centering Prayer and reading of scripture, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation. We will be sent out in song with Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. Email lisa@molive.org to request the zoom link if you are thinking of participating.

Thank You Sunday School Volunteers!

A huge **THANK YOU** to our Sunday school teachers, music volunteers, and superintendent for a great year. It was definitely not the end any of us imagined. Your dedication, creativity, and flexibility were very much appreciated. The way you reflect God's love to the youth of Mount Olive will impact them in ways you don't even know. We look forward to celebrating the good work you have done when we get a chance to be back together. Thank you!

Summer Sunday School Lessons Available

Although Sunday school and the program year have come to an end, we will continue to share the online Sunday school videos produced by SPARK while Luke is on parental leave. You can access these on our website on the 'Education-Children' [page](#) or on Facebook.

Colorado Youth Trip

As of right now, the Colorado trip is still on for August 2020– we will keep you posted as we hear updates. COVID-19 disrupted our last two fundraisers, so if you are able to support these youth on what is sure to be a milestone in their faith journey, please consider making a donation. You can send a check to Mount Olive and write "Youth Trip" in the memo line.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

The creation of the heavens and the earth

Psalms 8

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul's farewell to the church at Corinth

Matthew 28:16-20

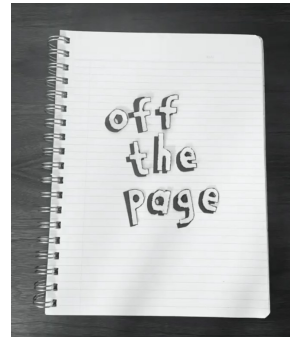
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Olive Branch presents – Off The Page!

Over the course of 5 weeks (beginning May 27 at 10 am or May 31 at 4 pm) we will meet on Zoom for a creative time of engaging with God's Word in new ways. This session will focus on 2 Corinthians. Check out our promotional video: <https://youtu.be/ilf-thAPwRA> And while you're at it – watch this fun video made especially for Mount Olive members: <https://youtu.be/LFKRDeTXHn0> And when you're ready to register, here's a link for that too: <https://www.eventbrite.com/x/off-the-page-tickets-105286073480>



Daily Devotions Available

Pastor Glenn has written devotions for each day of the week. These, along with the bulletin for the week have been sent by mail to homebound members, emailed to the congregation, and are also available on the front page of the Mount Olive website, www.molive.org. If you would also like to receive a devotion or the weekly bulletin in the mail, contact Nancy Britson in the church office-507-288-1580 or nancy@molive.org.



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