

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



Sept. 12
2021

The 16th Sunday after
Pentecost

Sunday, September 12, 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. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or if you need a hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions or are interested in membership at Mount Olive.

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, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.



P: God, our comforter,

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow
where our captain trod,
our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW #167

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. *Refrain*

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a (NRSV)

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL *(Please stand.)*

Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of



the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

"Discipleship: A Matter of Death and Life"

Pastor Glenn Monson

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW #798

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| <p>1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?</p> | <p>4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"</p> |
| <p>2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?</p> | <p>5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.</p> |
| <p>3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?</p> | |



CONFESSION OF FAITH

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

P: Let us affirm our faith:

**C: We believe in God, who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to
children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in
the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.
We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a
welcome to everyone, old and youth, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, siblings and friends,
a light for our world. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all 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 a sign of God's peace with one another.)

MEAL

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

*The practice of making an offering during worship is an ancient one. Even before offerings were used for ministry needs
and personnel, offerings were given simply as an expression of gratitude to God. Today our offerings do both: they provide needed
funds for ministry and they are a way of expressing our gratitude to God for all the blessings we receive.*

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray:

**C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from
the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our
lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready. 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

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When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

"Eat This Bread"

ELW #472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."



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: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

P: Siblings in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life? Will you care for God's beloved people and sacred creation as they are all part of your holy family?

C: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name especially on this, God's Work, Our Hands, day. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Heaven is Singing For Joy"

ELW #664

Congregation joins on refrain

1 Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for in your life and mine
is shining the glory of God.

2 Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine
unite in the love of our God. *Refrain*

Refrain
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

3 Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
for your life and mine
will always bear witness to God. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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 Homebound Members
- ◆ Our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. May the Spirit of God fill them with faith, hope, and joy, as they live out the good news and proclaim it to all.
- ◆ People suffering with COVID-19 in the U.S. and abroad. Give strength to those who minister to them, and bring hope and healing to all.
- ◆ Our country as we learn to confront and stamp out the curse of racism in our land. Help us to be one in mind and spirit as we go forward together.
- ◆ People suffering from the aftereffects of earthquake, fire, flood, and hurricane.

Worship Participants

Preaching	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Presiding Minister	Rev. Luke Hollander
Organist/Pianist	Travis Beck
Assisting Minister & Lector	Diane Banach
Greeters	Kerry & Wendy Dennison
Ushers	Bob & Lynn Nelson
Communion Assistant	Dave Monson
Nursery	Carrie Fletcher
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson
Altar Guild	Denise Foy

Choir Practice Resumes

Choir will begin meeting in-person this fall. We'll meet each Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 pm in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining choir this year is invited to attend. Choir members should be vaccinated and masks should be worn in accordance with current public health guidelines. Contact Travis Beck with any questions- travis@molive.org

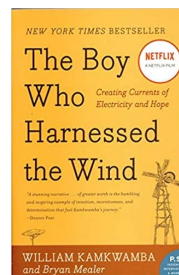


Fall Worship Volunteers Needed

Worship volunteers are needed for the 9:00 am Sunday services. We're looking for greeters, ushers, communion assistants, lectors and assisting ministers. At this time, we're asking that all volunteers are vaccinated. 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.

Monday Book Group Meets September 13

The **Monday Book Group's** first meeting this fall will be via Zoom on **September 13** at 6:30 pm. This month's selection is ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*** by William Kamkwamba & Bryan Mealer. If you would like to be added to the email list or receive the Zoom invitation for September, contact Jodi Schoer at mjschoer@charter.net.



Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will resume meeting on **September 14** at 10:00 am in the Library. Yarn, needles, patterns, and guidance are supplied; please contact Vickie Kubly if you would like to join the group or are in need of a prayer shawl—507-282-7696.

Family Promise Update

Family Promise continues to use Sign-Up Genius to gather volunteers for providing meals. Please be aware that Family Promise cannot share information about vaccination status of staff and guests, so if you choose to deliver the meal in person, mask wearing is strongly encouraged. For no contact delivery, there is a blue bin right in the front entry way where you can put the food around 6:00 pm. Here is the link for the meal sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4fa4aa22a3f94-prepare>.





Lutheran
World
Relief

Personal Care Kit Collection

In September we will be focusing on completing Personal Care Kits to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Please help our neighbors around the world by donating gifts of dignity and health. Stop by the LWR table in the Gathering area and pick up a card with items needed to complete a Care Kit. You can also find the Care list attached to the LWR bin which will be outside during the Tailgate Worship service. Return kit items to the LWR bin [before October 3rd](#).

Pastor Glenn's Fall Study

There is still time to join Pastor Glenn's fall Bible study of the book of Genesis. This 8-session study began last week and will follow the schedule below:

- Wednesdays at **7:30 pm, (note time change)** via Zoom, through October 27.
- Thursdays at 10:30 am, in the church library, through October 28.

Sign up for the class of your choice and order a study book (\$10) at the table in the entry.

Held in the Seasons: Ordinary time after Pentecost

I love autumn. Mostly because change is so evident. As summer bends toward harvest time, what do you notice changing? If you like, right now take a deep, generous breath. What is at play in your life this week? What is ready for change? What is almost but not *quite* ready? The Green Season holds us in all our transitions.



New Photo Directory

We're long overdue in providing a new photo directory. Our plan is to self-publish a directory and distribute paper copies or pdf's to all members on Anniversary Celebration Weekend, October 30-31. **Please stop by the photo booth** at church on Sept. 12, 19, or 26, or submit an updated family/individual snapshot to Nancy Britson in the church office – nancy@molive.org. Contact Nancy with any updates to your address, email, or phone numbers as well. (Did you drop your land line?) Thanks for your help!

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter

Psalms 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom from above

Mark 9:30-37

Prediction of the passion



**God's work.
Our hands.**

God's work. Our hands. Today

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is **September 12**, 9:45 am- 11:00 am indoors and 11:30 am- 12:30 pm outdoors, weather

permitting. Please refer to the flyer in this week's bulletin for all of the details for how you can participate in this day of service! Check out the posters and visit the table in the entry to learn more. Contact Carrie Fletcher at carrie@molive.org with any questions.

Picnic Supper and Concert September 17!

TGIF! Join us on Friday evening, September 17, 5:30 pm as we kick off Rally Weekend by providing an outdoor picnic supper of pulled pork sandwiches, sides, cookies, and lemonade. Then, at 6:00 pm, our own Richard BC will present a concert for all ages with help from Travis. Come for fun songs for kiddos, some singalongs, plus fresh new music that will be featured in worship in the coming year. We'll get to celebrate songs from Richard's new album, "Listening People" as well as new pieces by Travis.



Sunday School and Backpack Blessing Next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, September 19, we'll have outdoor Sunday School for ages 0-18. Come to check in around 10:15 am. We'll sing great songs, share Bible stories and skits, and do fun activities together. Students are also encouraged to bring their backpack or book bag for a special blessing during Tailgate Worship at 11:00 am. For any questions about Sunday School, please contact Pastor Luke Hollander- luke@molive.org.

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Project	Where located	Time
Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders Creation Care	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:45-10:45 am
Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders Creation Care	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Birthday Cards Camp Noah Lutheran Social Service	Mount Olive Gathering Area	9:45-10:45 am
Birthday Cards Camp Noah Lutheran Social Service	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Bandage Rolling Global Health Ministries	Mount Olive Gathering Area	9:45-10:45 am
Bandage Rolling Global Health Ministries	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Painted Kindness Rocks Community Care	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:45-10:45 am
Painted Kindness Rocks Community Care	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Easy Fleece Pet Toys Paws & Claws	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	9:45-10:45 am
Easy Fleece Pet Toys Paws & Claws	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Design A Quilt Square 60th Anniversary	Mount Olive Fellowship Hall	10:00 –10:45 am
Design A Quilt Square 60th Anniversary	Mount Olive West Lawn	11:30-12:30 pm
Mulch Moving & Landscape Cleanup	Mount Olive Patio/ Grounds	9:45-10:45 am
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Entry

Take Home Projects

- Birdfeeder kit
- Bandage roller kit-please return by September 30
- Envelopes to contribute financially to some of our ministry partners

Gathering Area

- Birthday Cards
- Bandage Rolling
- Design A Quilt Square
- Mulch Moving & Landscape Cleanup

Fellowship Hall

- Painted Kindness Rocks
- Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders
- Easy Fleece Pet Toys



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