

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



The Holy Trinity
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8:00 am & 10:30 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, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; All races and ethnicities; All ages and abilities; All economic statuses and education levels; All faith journeys and personal histories. We work for racial equity and commit to anti-racism as the way of right relationship with God and one another. 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.”

About Worship at Mount Olive Lutheran:

WELCOME CENTER

As you leave the Sanctuary, directly to the right, you'll find the Welcome Desk. Please stop by to introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have about Mount Olive. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or a Auracast hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

While we have only one version of the Lord's prayer printed in the bulletin, everyone is invited to say it aloud in any language or version of their choosing. We encourage opening the prayer with an image of God that is comforting and life-giving for you, including Our Mother, Our Father, Holy One, or Creator, to name a few.

CREEDS

When we recite creeds in worship, we are connected across time and place with the multitudes who have recited the same or similar words. We use different creeds from week to week as a way to acknowledge there are many different ways of expressing that in which we put our trust. Try not to think of creeds as a line in the sand – you're in, or you're out. Rather, think_of it as a time to be curious, and to place trust outside yourself and what you can comprehend.

VIDEO RECORDING

This service is 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all the ways we have forgotten your love. Life's burdens are heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, remind us that we are never alone. Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Creator, † Child, and Spirit, you are set free to live and rest in God's abundant love.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN (*Please stand.*) "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace "

ELW #684

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.
- 3 Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.
- 4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims
one fam'ly with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace
until we praise you face to face.



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: **God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time, you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Hold us in the goodness of your presence as we encounter the world in wonder and hope, through Christ, our Life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD
"Story Time"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1—2:3 (Adapted)

PSALM 8

"If We All Belong to God"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

If we all be-long to God, how do we live? How do we live?

If we all be-long to God, how do we live? How do we live?

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand.*)

ELW #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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**GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16-20, NRSVUE

P: The Good News according to Saint Matthew.

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

P: The Good News of the Reign of God.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Janke

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please stand.*) “God of Wonders/How Great Thou Art” (Adapted) Chris Tomlin

Leader

1 God of all creation
Of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to our God on High *Refrain 1*

Refrain 1 (Congregation)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Leader

2 Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
And as I stumble through the darkness
I will call Your name by night *Refrain 1*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain 2

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain 1 above*

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at God's right hand, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

L: God of Grace. 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

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Pentecost is a season about growing as Christ's disciples. Perhaps that's why green was chosen for the parament/vestment color for the season. We grow as we learn, worship, serve, and connect with our siblings in Christ. Our giving can also be an arena in which we are growing. As we give generously we grow in faith in God's good work through our gifts, blessing others in the process. Thank you for your gifts.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* "As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us feel secure enough to share freely of your love, so that all creation might know your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and everywhere...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“You are Holy”

ELW #525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION



Today, you're invited to address God in this prayer of Jesus using Our Wonder or any other image you prefer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

C: Our *Wonder*, 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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! All are welcome here.

Please be seated.

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. As you 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.

Today, as part of your reception of Holy Communion, you're invited to request prayer with one of our pastors. Line up on the west wall, and take your place at the kneeling station provided. All worshippers may ask for prayers. During the service, you may also light a candle for prayer at the station on the left side of the chancel.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

ELW #735

- 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
- 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
- 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand as you are able.)*

P: May the gifts of this table strengthen you and hold you in love and grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **C: Amen.**



SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“I’m Going on a Journey”

ELW #446

- 1 I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.
My head is wet, and I'm on my way.
Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;
it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!
- 2 I'm becoming this day a saint of God.
It really doesn't matter what roads I trod.
Wherever I go, God's been there, too.
God's love has touched me and will carry me through.
- 3 There are other saints who have said amen.
They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end.
Along the way I want to be
the kind of person that God set free.

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DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

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

POSTLUDE

Next Sunday's Readings:

Hosea 5:15—6:6

God desires steadfast love

Psalms 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God.

Romans 4:13-25

The promise to those who share Abraham's faith

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter

Welcome, Worship Guests!

We hope your worship experience with us is uplifting and a blessing to you today. If you are a **visitor** to Mount Olive you can fill out a **Connection Card** from the pew rack indicating if you are interested in learning more about at Mount Olive: receiving our monthly newsletter, weekly email news, membership or if you have a prayer concern or other comment to share. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the front hallway following the service if you have any questions about our church or if you would like more information about any upcoming events. Mount Olive **members**, please use a **Connection Card** if you would like to share prayer concerns, comments, or change contact info.



You're invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and cookies following the service!

Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- Our Homebound Members
- Mount Olive members and friends who are grieving, ill, or recovering. For family members holding vigil with those in the sacred process of dying, and for those supporting those in recovery.
- Our companions in ministry in Bogota, Colombia and Kijota, Tanzania, who celebrate the risen Christ as we do.
- Our nation, that we might find solidarity in our shared humanity, and strive for justice and dignity for all.
- Communities continuing the struggle to end gun violence in our nation. Give all elected leaders the courage to seek solutions for peace.
- All people enduring the horrors of war, especially the people of Ukraine and Sudan, the people of Gaza, and the people of Iran.
- All those suffering the effects of flood or fire, hurricane or drought due to climate change. Give all people the resolve to do what we can to reverse this trend and protect those most vulnerable.



Healing Station Today

This Sunday we will once again offer a healing station at the rail for anyone wishing a prayer for healing. Following receiving Holy Communion, form a queue at the west wall of the sanctuary and come forward as space is available. One of the pastors will be present for the prayers. There will also be a candle lighting option and a generous time around our community prayers.

Worship Participants	Sunday 8:00 am
Presiding & Preaching Minister	Rev. Lisa Janke
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck
Psalmist	Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
Assisting Minister	Bob Thomsen
Greeter	Vicky Achor
Ushers	Loren Else, Paula Roberts
Communion Assistants	Lynn Nelson, Nancy Britson
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson
Livestream Video	Curt Britson

June Newsletters

Pick up your June Mount Olive newsletter, *The Messenger*, on the Welcome Desk today! Learn all of the plans for summer indoor and outdoor worship, fellowship events, Youth VBS and family fun events, service opportunities for all ages, and more.

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, May 31

9:30a - Worship Service
10:30a - Coffee Fellowship

Monday, June 1

5:30p - Pray Without Ceasing
6:00p - Grief Peer Support Group
6:30p - Scout Troop Meeting
7:00p - Moms Demand Action

Tuesday, June 2

9:30a - Staff Meeting
3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class

7:00p - Al-Anon ACOA Meeting

Wednesday, June 3

9:00a - SAIL Leader Training
5:30p - Family Cookout & Play
at Oxbow Park
5:30p - Facility and Grounds Team

6:00p - Call Committee

Thursday, June 4

9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters
1:00p - Painting Group
3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class

7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon

Friday, June 5

9:00a - Women's Coffee at
Hy-Vee West Circle
6:00p - Serve at Dorothy Day

Saturday, June 6

9:00a - How Al-Anon Works Group
9:30a - Altar Guild Set Up

Sunday, June 7

9:30a - Worship Service
10:30a - Coffee Fellowship

Women's Monthly Coffee Meet Up

Mount Olive women are invited to meet at 9:00 am on Friday, **June 5** for coffee/tea at the Market Grille at Hy-Vee West Circle at 4221 West Circle Drive. Come for fellowship and good conversation. Contact Cathy Hanson at 507-398-3917 or kchanson89@gmail.com with ?'s.



New Hearing Assistance Devices

We have new hand-held hearing assistance receivers using the superior Auracast technology. Pick up one to try at the Welcome Desk along with a set of ear phones or earbuds. These can be used with or without hearing aids. If you would like to learn more about Auracast, hearing devices, or activating the hearing accessibility features of your smart phone, please contact Gerard Goulet - [507-269-9036](tel:507-269-9036).

Cook-Out & Play at Oxbow Park

Wednesday, **June 3rd** at 5:30 pm, join us at Oxbow Park for time together as we gather to cook out and be in nature. Evan will provide enough hotdogs and buns for the group! Evan will also provide S'mores! If you would like something besides hotdogs, feel free to bring your own meat. Please use the following link to sign up your family indicate in the comment if you'll bring other food for the cookout. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44AFA62DABFE3-64211944-cook>



Putt-Putt at Blue Lagoon

Tuesday, **June 9** at 6:30 pm, meet up at Blue Lagoon (6255 34th Ave NW, Rochester) and be ready to read em', roll em', hole em' as we play some mini golf. The rates for 18-holes (including cornhole) are \$10 for adult, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for child (age 4-11), and FREE for kids 3 and under.

Graduation Recognition Sunday

Mount Olive's Graduating Seniors will be recognized at the 9:30 am service on Sunday, **June 7**. Following the service, come to the Fellowship Hall for a reception in their honor.

If you have a student graduating from a secondary school or other post-graduate program and would like to share their information, send it to Nancy in the church office.



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