

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 11, 2025  
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 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."*

**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 hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions.

**CHILD CARE**

During the 10:30 am service, 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.

**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**

8:00 am 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](http://www.youtube.com/MountOliveELCA).



# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism....

Baptized into you, O Living One.

*After each petition respond:*

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN *(Please stand.)* "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

ELW #426

- 1 Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.
- 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.  
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.
- 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!



### 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

ELW pg. 140

*Refrain*

This is the feast\_\_\_\_\_ of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *to verse*

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose love set us free to be people of God.

*Refrain*

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen. *Refrain*

2 Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

*Refrain*

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast\_\_\_\_\_ of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: **God of new life, you see potential where we see only destruction. You bring forth life when we see only decay. Make clear your pathways that we might follow you in helping and healing the people to which we are called, through Jesus Christ, our Life and our Song. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



## SPECIAL MUSIC

"The King of Love"

Mount Olive Choir

**WORD**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**FIRST READING**

Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV) pew Bible pg. 999

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.****PSALM 23**

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Sure - ly good - ness and mer - cy shall fol - low me all my\_\_ life\_\_

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand.*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

John 10:22-30 (NRSV), pew Bible pg. 873

P: The Good News according to Saint John.

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**

"The Great Throng and the Great Tribulation." Pastor Glenn Monson



**HYMN OF THE DAY** *(Please stand.)*

“Thine the Amen”

ELW #826

1 Thine the amen thine the praise  
 alleluias angels raise  
 thine the everlasting head  
 thine the breaking of the bread  
 thine the glory thine the story  
 thine the harvest then the cup  
 thine the vineyard then the cup  
 is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally  
 thine the promise let there be  
 thine the vision thine the tree  
 all the earth on bended knee  
 gone the nailing gone the railing  
 gone the pleading gone the cry  
 gone the sighing gone the dying  
 what was loss lifted high.

**High** 3 Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
**Voices** thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
 then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
 thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.

**Low** 4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize  
**Voices** thine the wonder full surprise  
 thine the banquet then the praise  
 then the justice of thy ways  
 thine the glory thine the story  
 then the welcome to the least  
 then the wonder all increasing  
 at thy feast at thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night  
 no more dying only light  
 thine the river thine the tree  
 then the Lamb eternally  
 then the holy holy holy  
 celebration jubilee  
 thine the splendor thine the brightness  
 only thee only thee.

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**WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS** *(10:30 am)*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*From the Iona Abbey Worship Book, adapted*

P: We confess our faith. We believe in God,

**C: Who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath: who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.**

P: We believe in Jesus Christ;

**C: Who came in the flesh to be in solidarity with human life. He loved, healed, and forgave, enduring hardship for the sake of justice, and challenging the status quo.**

P: We believe that God’s hope comes to life through Christ’s enduring love

**C: A love that conquered even death, and reveals the promise that in life and in death we belong to Christ.**

P: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**C: Who leads us into wholeness, and works through prayer, politics, justice and care of creation for the healing of the nations.**



P: We celebrate the potential God has given:

**C: The life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of abundant love and grace for all.**

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

### 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

*The Easter season is a season of resurrection. We read stories of Jesus' appearance amongst the disciples prior to his ascension. Jesus continues to make an appearance every time God's people – the Body of Christ – show up with compassion, kindness, and generosity. Please know that your gifts are a sign of resurrection to the world. Thank you.*

### OFFERTORY

#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.



## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

**C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Today, you're invited to address God in this prayer of Jesus using Our Good Shepherd 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 Good Shepherd, 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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. 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.

**AGNUS DEI****"Lamb of God"**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN****"Shepherd Me, O God"**

ELW #780

**Refrain**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.

- 1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*
- 2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*
- 3 Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*
- 4 You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*
- 5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

**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: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

**BENEDICTION**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW #768

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me along the way;

For if You lead me, I cannot stray;

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2 Help me tread in the paths  
of righteousness;

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in Thee,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

1 I am weak, and I need  
Thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Let me through the darkness  
Thy face to see,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

3 I am lost, if you take  
your hand from me;  
I am blind, without  
Thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me  
Thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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**DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**POSTLUDE**

## 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 ...

- All Homebound Members  
Mount Olive members and friends who are grieving, ill, or recovering, and the family
- members holding vigil with or supporting the recovering and/or dying.
- Our companions in ministry in Bogota, Colombia and Kijota, Tanzania, who, along with us celebrate Christ's resurrection. Fill them with faith, hope, and joy as they continue to live in the light of Christ's rising.
- Our nation, that our elected leaders may hear your voice, urging them to courage, justice, integrity and truth-telling.
- Our communities enduring the destruction to families and lives that come through gun violence. Give us all resolve to end this evil.
- All people enduring ongoing war and upheaval, especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, enduring unspeakable destruction and suffering.
- All those impacted by extreme weather events caused by the global climate crisis. Help us all to do our part in saving the creation you love.

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**Acts 11:1-18**

*Peter's vision: God give the Gentiles repentance that leads to life*

**Psalm 148**

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.

**Revelation 21:1-6**

*New heaven, new earth: springs of living water in the new Jerusalem*

**John 13:31-35**

*Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you*

Worship Participants	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Preaching & Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson	
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck	
Assisting Minister	Donna Miller	David Steenhoek
Lector	Rob Nelson	Connie Mudore
Greeter	Helen Russell	Connie Mudore
Ushers	Don Halley, Bob Nelson	Sarabeth Watson, Elaine Monson
Communion Assistants	Paul Johnsen, Helen Russell	Dave Monson,
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson	
Nursery		Carrie Fletcher
Altar Guild	Pam Wright	Michelle Thomsen
Livestream Video	Jonathan Jackson	

### This Week at Mount Olive

#### Sunday, May 11

8:00a - Worship Service  
 9:00a - Coffee Fellowship  
 9:15a - Large Group Sunday School  
 9:15a - Sunday Forum  
 10:30a - Worship Service  
 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship

#### Monday, May 12

10:30a - Rochester Retired Educators  
 10:00a - Don Sabatke Visitation  
 11:00a - Don Sabatke Funeral  
 12:00p - Funeral Luncheon  
 6:00p - FSU.2  
 6:00p - Scout Committee Meeting  
 6:30p - Monday Book Group  
 6:30p - Scout Troop Planning  
 7:30p - Scout PLC Meeting

#### Tuesday, May 13

9:30a - Zumbro River Conference

#### Wednesday, May 14

10:00a - Prayer Shawls  
 3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class  
 6:30p - Full Council  
 7:00p - Al-Anon ACOA Meeting

#### Thursday, May 15

9:00a - Mount Olive Quilters  
 12:00p - Newsletter Deadline  
 1:00p - Painting Group  
 3:00p - SAIL Active Aging Class  
 3:30p - Service at Grammercy  
 6:30p - Piano Recital  
 7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon  
 7:15p - Glory Bells

#### Friday, May 16

9:30a - Ripe Olives  
 6:00p - Piano Recital

#### Saturday, May 17

9:00a - How Al-Anon Works Group  
 9:30a - Altar Guild Meeting  
 12:00p - 5 pm Rochester Pride at  
 Soldier's Field Park  
 6:30p - Piano Recital

#### Sunday, May 18 - Youth Sunday

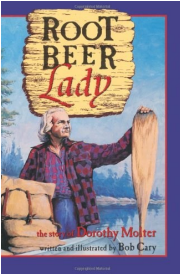
8:00a - Worship Service  
 9:00a - Coffee Fellowship  
 9:15a - Sunday School Breakfast  
 on the lawn  
 9:15a - Final Sunday Forum  
 10:30a - Worship Service  
 11:30a - Coffee Fellowship  
 7:00p - Pop's Orchestra Concert at  
 Bethel Lutheran

Church Office Hours are generally  
 9:00a-4:00p Monday - Thursday.  
 Call the office at any time for  
 pastoral emergencies.

### Large Group Sunday School

Large Group Sunday School this week! Kids will start with their small group music at 9:15am and then go to the Gathering Area, where they will be working on some craft projects.

Contact Evan at [evan@molive.org](mailto:evan@molive.org) with questions or to get on the Sunday School email news list. The students will be singing at the 10:30 service on Youth Sunday, May 18.



## Monday Book Group

The **Monday Book Group** wraps up it's schedule as they meet on **May 12** at 6:30 pm in the church Library. This month's selection is *The Root Beer Lady: The Story of Dorothy Molter* by Bob Cary. An ice-cold glass of root beer and a warm welcome greeted weary paddlers who stopped at the Isle of Pines to meet Dorothy Molter, the courageous, independent woman who became a North Woods Minnesota legend. If you have questions or would like to get on the email list to join the group, contact Jodi Schoer at [mjschoer@charter.net](mailto:mjschoer@charter.net) .

## George Thompson Visits Ripe Olives

Ripe Olives is Mount Olive's group for retired and semi-retired folks to gather for a meal, fellowship, learning and fun. On **May 16** at 9:30 am, Rochester resident George Thompson will be our guest. George moved to Rochester in 1968, during the years of the Civil Rights Movement, to work at IBM. At the time, George was one of very few Black men in the region. George will share stories from decades of his life and leadership in southeastern Minnesota. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast is provided with a free will offering. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP to Nancy - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).



## Mount Olive Prayer Shawl Group

The Mount Olive prayer shawl group will be meeting on Tues., **May 13**, at 10:00 am in the Library meeting room. Yarn, needles, patterns, and guidance are supplied; please contact Vickie Kubly if you would like to join the group or to request a shawl—507-282-7696.

## May Newsletters Available

Our May newsletter, *The Messenger*, is available to pick up on the Welcome Desk at church, sent by email, and available on our website, [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org). If you'd like to remain on the mailing list for a printed copy, contact Nancy in the office.

## Advocacy for Head Start Funding

Head Start, the program providing childcare for 60+ students at Mount Olive, provides whole-child essential support—from early learning and health screenings to nutritious meals and family services—helping to level the playing field for children. The program is facing being cut by the current U.S. administration. To send the message to protect Head Start to your member of Congress, visit <https://nhsa.org/take-action/> . Fill out the short pre-filled form to send an email and learn other ways to advocate for Head Start.

## Sunday Forum

A representative from the SMILD, Southern MN Immigrant Legal Defense will tell us about their important work today for the Sunday Forum. They are a local non-profit that seeks to ensure that all immigrant persons have access to quality legal services. Please feel free to grab a cup of coffee and come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. Next Sunday, May 18, will be the last Sunday Forum until Fall. Come and tell us what you enjoyed this year, what you did not, and share ideas for future speakers/topics.



## Rochester Pops Orchestra Spring Concert

Join the Rochester Pops Orchestra as they feature the winners of the May, 2023, Rochester's Got Talent competition at their concert on Sunday, **May 18**, 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester. Sunday, May 11 is your last chance to buy tickets in the Gathering Area before and after services. Tickets are also available online at [www.rochesterpops.com](http://www.rochesterpops.com), [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), or by calling the Box Office at 507-318-0801.

## Men's Retreat at Good Earth Village

Lutheran Men in Mission is sponsoring a men's retreat at Good Earth Village, entitled *One Year to Live*. Promised offerings include life examination and decision making, a spiritual look forward, as well as adventures galore. The retreat goes from 5:30 pm Friday, May 16 to 3:00 pm Sunday, May 18. Registration, including lodging and meals is \$175. **Register by May 12** at [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org).

## VBS Day Camp – June 16-19

Registration is now OPEN for VBS Day Camp at Mount Olive with Good Earth Village! Day Camp lasts from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday and is for kids in *Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade* for the current academic year. Current 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade can participate as Youth Helpers. Registration & Health Forms can be found in the Gathering Area. The rate is \$78 per student. (Financial Support can be given if needed!) **Please register by May 18**. Contact Evan with ?'s - [evan@molive.org](mailto:evan@molive.org).



**Offerings-** If you would like to make a financial gift to Mount Olive, you can place it in the offering plate, send it by mail to 2830 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901, or donate using the QR code above. Your gifts help to keep Mount Olive's ministry going strong. Thank You!



## Olive Branch at Rochester PRIDE

**Saturday, May 17, Noon - 5pm Soldiers Field Park**

Rochester PRIDE

Olive Branch will again have a presence at PRIDE, and you are invited! As a *Reconciling In Christ* congregation, this is a Mount Olive thing, and one of our favorite events of the year. If you haven't experienced PRIDE before, this might be your time to attend and show your support. Since its founding in 2019, the objective of Rochester PRIDE has been to be an inclusive, family-friendly event to celebrate Rochester's LGBTQIA+ community. Expect music in the air, lots of art vendors, food trucks, and a festival atmosphere of fun and freedom.

**The Mount Olive/Olive Branch Crew would love your help that day**, with setting up, tearing down, and being present at our table for a shift. If you're interested, please sign up at the following Sign-Up Genius link and pick a time to be part of the team:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A5A92DAAF4C43-56360509-rochester>

Rochester Pride organizers are in also need of volunteers on Saturday, May 17. They have multiple shifts available, which means you could volunteer with them and spend time at the Olive Branch/Mount Olive table! Here is the link to sign up to help with the event as a whole: <https://app.clearevent.com/register?form=1049736a-cecd-4548-82b5-dd9145452fc0> There is a training Monday, May 12 at 6:00 pm at Townie's Bar and Grill.

## Worship Volunteer Update

We're grateful for so many wonderful helpers at Mount Olive! On Sundays that you and your family will be attending worship, there's a place for you to help out. We're always in need of ushers, greeters, communion assistants, assisting ministers, welcome desk attendants, and video live-streaming technicians. Training is available. Sign up at this link for a day and time that works for you: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1). Details and directions are sent each week from Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life. Call Nancy with your availability, or see the Sign Up Sheet at the Welcome Desk.

## Sign Up for Fellowship Time!

Volunteers are needed in the coming weeks to help with fellowship time following services. Would you and your family consider helping to make coffee, serve, provide treats, and/or clean up? Please sign up in the Gathering Area at church or at <https://tinyurl.com/fsd3f>. Contact Renee Schaefer, Sunday Fellowship Volunteer Coordinator with questions - [renee@molive.org](mailto:renee@molive.org).

# Welcome **New Member Sunday**

We are very pleased to be welcoming new members to Mount Olive at the 10:30 am service this Sunday, May 11. Look for the new member brochure at the usher's table for information about all of the new families; updated member directories are available in the church office. Following the 10:30 service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Please come to share a warm welcome!

## Get your tickets yet?

Midwestern singer/songwriter **Namoli Brennet** will perform a concert Saturday, **May 24th**, 7:30 pm at Pop's Art Theater. It's our 2nd pillar event of the year thanks to our Calvin Vital Worship Grant! Make your reservations now. All ages are welcome. Tickets are FREE for Mount Olive folks, whether you're an official member or not. All you need to do is register in the Gathering Area one of the next three Sundays and get your free ticket. Tickets for the general public go on sale soon. Namoli (NAHM-ah-lee) is an award-winning trans artist who regularly tours the U.S.A. and Europe with her brilliant original music. She sings about personal transformation, politics, and everything in between. Namoli's style is centered in acoustic guitar, her lyrical voice, and a few bells and whistles that build a unique concert soundscape you're sure to enjoy.



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