

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Eve

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6:30 pm

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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.

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.

VIDEO RECORDING

This service will be 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.

PRELUDE

"He Has Made Me Glad"

Glory Bells

GATHERING

Silence is kept for reflection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

WELCOME

L: The kindness of Jesus, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING LITANY

P: Praise to our God,

C: Praise to our God.

P: our help in ages past, who has nourished us, body and spirit,
and raised up in every generation saints and workers for justice
who gave us the ground we stand on and planted the seeds of change.

P: Praise to our God,

C: Praise to our God.

P: our hope for years to come, who makes us dream generous dreams
of a harvest shared, of sufferings ended, of the time when all shall be included
in one great feast of life.

P: Praise to our God,

C: Praise to our God.

P: who daily offers us this present moment to renounce despair,
to trust God in the midst of our fear, and choose that community of freedom
where those who are poor come first,
and all who kneel with open hands shall be unfailingly fed.

HYMN	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	ELW #859 Vs. 1 & 2
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1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the God of creation!
My heart is longing to offer
up sweet adoration.
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.

2 Praise the Almighty, o'er all life
so wondrously reigning,
and, as on wings of an eagle,
uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen?
All that is needful has been
sent by God's gracious ordaining.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING

Sirach 50:22-24

(From *The Inclusive Bible*; adapted)

Let us praise the God of the Universe who alone works great wonders, who from the day we were born sustains us and treats us with mercy. May God give us a heart filled with joy and may we live all our days in lasting peace. May God show mercy towards us and rescue us in goodness.

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW #840

Vs. 1 & 2

1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

I thank my God every time I think of you. In every prayer I utter, as I plead on your behalf, I rejoice at the way you have all continually helped promote the Good News from the very first day. And I am sure of this much: that God, who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus. It's only right that I should entertain such expectations about you, since I hold all of you dear—you who are all partakers of grace with me, even when I lie in prison or am summoned to defend the solid ground on which the Good News rests.

God knows how much I long for each of you with all the affection of Christ Jesus! My prayer is that your love may abound more and more, both in understanding and in wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It's my wish that you be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God.

HYMN

"When the Poor Ones"

ELW #725

Vs. 1 & 4

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| <p>1 When the poor ones, who have nothing,
still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup,
water to share;
when the wounded offer others
strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God, here by our side,
walking our way.</p> | <p>2 When the goodness poured from heaven
fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change
war into peace; when the stranger
is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side,
walking our way;
we see God, here by our side,
walking our way.</p> |
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THIRD READING

Matthew 6:25-33 (*First Nations Version*)

"This is why I am telling you not to be troubled about getting enough to eat or drink, or what to wear. Is eating, drinking and clothing yourself all there is? Does your life not have more meaning than this? "Look to the winged ones who soar on the wind. Do they plant seeds and gather the harvest into a storehouse? No! But your Father from above gives them plenty to eat. Do you not know he cares even more for you? Can worry add even one more step to the length of your life's journey?"

"Why do you trouble yourself with what to wear? Have you seen how the wildflowers grow in the plains and meadows? Do you think they work hard and long to clothe themselves? No! I tell you not even the great chieftain Stands in Peace (Solomon), wearing his finest regalia, was dressed as well as even one of these.

"If Creator covers the wild grass in the plains with such beauty, which is here today and gathered for tomorrow's fire, will he not take even better care of you? Why is your faith so small? There is no need to say, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' This is what the Nations *who have lost their way* have given their hearts to, but your Father from above knows you need these things.

"If you will make Creator's good road your first aim, representing his right ways, he will make sure you have all you need for each day."



PSALM 67

"The Earth Has Yielded It's Harvest"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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STORY

Pastor Glenn Monson

HYMN

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW # 479

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| <p>1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> | <p>3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> |
| <p>2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> | |

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- L: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.
- L: Merciful God,
C: Receive 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.)

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

This evening's offering will go to our ministry partner, Good Earth Village near Spring Valley. Ministry offerings include a full-service retreat center, summer camp and VBS programs, leadership development training, and community service opportunities. Their motto is "Exploring God in creation, Growing Faith in community, engaging the world as followers of Jesus."

OFFERTORY

"Praise to God"

Mount Olive Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)***“As Saints of Old”**

ELW #695



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
 to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
 so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

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THANKSGIVING (adapted from *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World*)

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God:

For being together here

C: for the spirit of solidarity

P: for when we are welcomed

C: for the hospitality of impoverished people

P: for the ability to listen to wounded people

C: for tears, water of life that runs down our faces and connects our lives

P: for the activists, community workers, and prophets who give their lives, gifts, and labor to the people of the world

C: for the spirit of resistance and rebellious people

P: for the gift of others, the families with whom we live

C: for the noise of children

P: for the burden of caring for creation

C: for clean water, and your goodness running through the natural resources

P: for strength and courage to live on in spite of loss

C: for hope that comes from smiles and laughter

P: for faith and patience in the midst of suffering

C: for the chance to become better humans



P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

**C: Our *Provider*, who art 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.**

BENEDICTION

P: May God, who clothes the flowers, feeds the birds of the sky, leads lambs to pasture and deer to water, who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine, lead us, feed us, keep us, and change us, until we reflect the glory of our Creator through all eternity

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW #881

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on
to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean
proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in gratitude, it’s a generous world! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We're glad you are worshipping with us this evening! If you are a visitor to Mount Olive, please fill out a Connection Card from the pew rack to keep in touch. Your contact information will be kept confidential and used on a limited basis. Please indicate if you are interested in learning more about membership at Mount Olive, receiving our monthly newsletter, *The Messenger*, or have a prayer concern or other comment to share. Mount Olive members, please use a Connection Card if you would like to share prayer concerns, questions or comments, or change of contact information.



Please come to the Fellowship Hall following the service this evening for pie and coffee.

Worship Participants	Wednesday 6:30 pm
Pastors	Rev. Lisa Janke Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Organist	Deacon Travis Beck
Worship Leader	Dr. Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
Greeters	Rob & Darlene Nelson
Lector	Rob Nelson
Usher	Bob Thomsen
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson

Thanksgiving Offering

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