

The Olive Branch

August 2, 2017

Accent on Worship

Vicar Kelly Sandin

"When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick" (Matthew 14:14).

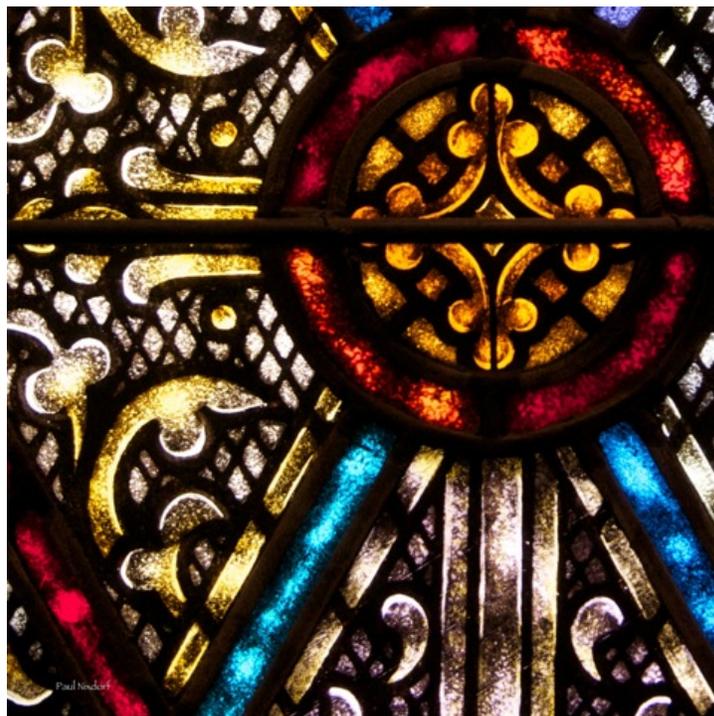
This Ninth Sunday after Pentecost we will hear about Jesus feeding more than 5,000 men, women, and children. It's an amazing miracle we're all familiar with, but as I was reading it again I was struck by the crowd that followed

Jesus to that remote setting. Hoping to get away, after hearing about the death of John the Baptist, Jesus took a boat to a deserted place. Wherever this was exactly, the crowds heard about it and set out on foot to find him. This, in and of itself, is worth pondering. What had they heard or seen about Jesus up to this point that moved them in such a way? What were they expecting? Can you envision this massive crowd of all ages and genders, some ill and suffering, some able-bodied, some not, all making their way to him?

When Jesus got to his destination and found them there waiting his reaction was not one of frustration or weariness, but of compassion. His heart looked upon them with mercy and he healed their sick. Not the sick, but their sick. Because whenever there is illness, it impacts the whole community. So, Jesus walked among the noisy crowd, hearing his name called over and over again, seeing arms waving to get his attention, and he cured their sick. Miracle after miracle happened as Jesus worked his way through the crowd. With tears, praise, and awe they witnessed his healing compassion. And as if that wasn't enough, he had them sit to experience a miraculous meal!

As we gather to worship, come with expectancy. Come and wait to see Jesus who looks upon us with compassion and mercy, heals the broken-hearted, and cures our sickness. Let's witness the love of God that changes communities and share the meal of God's true presence.

- *Vicar Kelly Sandin*



Sunday Readings

August 6, 2017
9th Sunday after Pentecost (18 A)

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13, 2017
10th Sunday after Pentecost (19 A)

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Summer Worship

Holy Eucharist is celebrated each summer Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

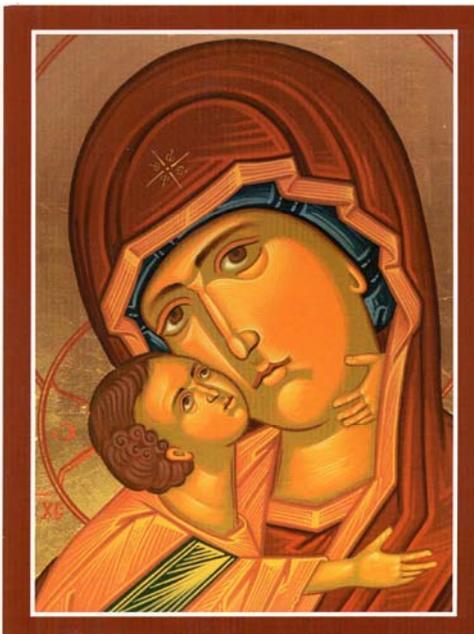
Bargain Box to be Held This Saturday

It's already time to plan ahead for the next school year. Please help make sure that all children have clothes and school supplies to make school something to look forward to!

This Saturday, August 5, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, at Mount Olive, Bargain Box will sell new clothing at very low prices and give out free gently-used clothing for kids. School supplies will be distributed to all children at the Community Meal. Each year, we are able to supply about 100 students with clothes and school supplies, which makes going back to school fun for kids and much easier for parents!

Can you help?

- * Volunteer a few hours on that day;
- * Bring donations of new and gently used kids' clothes;
- * Donate new and gently used back-packs; (donations can go in the orange box in the coat room, monetary contributions should be clearly marked for Bargain Box and school supplies.)
- * Make a monetary gift to purchase school supplies.



***Mary, Mother of
Our Lord***

**Tuesday,
August 15**

**Holy Eucharist
at 7:00 pm**

All are welcome.

Book Discussion

For August 12, the Book Discussion Group will read *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. For the September 9 meeting, they will read *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the West Assembly area. All readers welcome!

Summer *Olive Branch* Publication

During the months of June-August, *The Olive Branch* is published every **other** week. This schedule begins with this issue.

The next *Olive Branch* will be published on Wednesday, August 16. ***The deadline for information for that issue is Monday, August 14.***

Calendar

Wednesday, August 2

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
Noon Congregational Life Committee meeting
5:30 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee meeting
6:30 pm Foundation Board meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, August 5

- 9:00 am AMICUS / Men of Rafiki
11-2 Diaper Depot open / Bargain Box
Noon Community Meal
Noon School Supplies distribution
1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting Co.

Sunday, August 6 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship
11:00 am Theological Discussion group

Tuesday, August 8

- Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

Wednesday, August 9

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, August 12

- 9:00 am AMICUS / Men of Rafiki
10:00 am Book Discussion group
Noon Mount Olive Singles' group

Sunday, August 13 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship
1:00 pm Neighborhood Ministries Picnic
6:45 pm Mount Olive serves Our Saviour's meal

Monday, August 14

- 7:00 pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, August 15 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord

- Noon Bible Study
1-3 pm CoAM Advisory Committee meeting
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm *Holy Eucharist*

Attention Mount Olive Worship Assistants!

The Servant Schedule for the 4th quarter of 2017 (October - December) will be published at the beginning of September 2017. The deadline for submitting requests to me is August 11, 2017. Please email your requests to peggyrf70@gmail.com.

Thanks,
- Peggy Hoef

MPR Choral Stream Sponsorship

If you listen to the Choral Streaming service of Minnesota Public Radio, you may have recently heard that Mount Olive is now one of the Choral Stream sponsors. The Evangelism Committee selected this as one strategy to reach out to people who may be interested in coming to a worshiping community where excellent music is loved and heard.

Many thanks to the Mount Olive Foundation for funding this effort. Tune in and listen!

<http://www.classicalmpr.org/topic/choral>

Stewardship Update

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The Reformation at 500: From Conflict to Communion

Course Description: On October 31, 2016, Pope Francis joined Lutheran Bishop Munid A. Younan, President of the Lutheran World Federation, in Lund, Sweden, for a joint commemoration of the Reformation. How did these two religious communities move from the intense conflict that marked 1517 to being able to commemorate together the Reformation? This course will begin by examining the religious, social and political environment of 1517 that provoked Martin Luther and others to raise the questions that caused what came to be known as the Protestant Reformation. It will look, from both Catholic and Lutheran perspectives, at what has happened in the Catholic and Lutheran worlds in the intervening 500 years. It will conclude by considering the current state of relationships between Catholics and Lutherans.

Course Information: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., starting Oct. 4, 2017, O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium, University of St. Thomas St. Paul Campus. Fee for the course: \$60. Instructors: Dr. Dirk Lange from Luther Seminary and Dr. Christian Washburn from the St. Thomas St. Paul School of Divinity.

For complete information and registration, please visit <https://www.stthomas.edu/selimcenter/programofferings/lectureseries/thereformationat500fromconflictto communion/#d.en.293080>

A New Social Group

A few members are thinking of starting a Mount Olive Singles group. It would be open to everyone; it's just that being single means one has to put forth more effort to participate in social events. Possible activities include going to museums, out to eat, or to movies and plays. Also the group might plan short, affordable trips together.

An exploratory meeting will be held on Saturday, August 12, at noon in the East Assembly Room. This is directly after the Mount Olive Book Club meets earlier in the West Assembly Room.

Your input is welcome!

In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Mary Dodgson; Ken Shortridge; Berta Wick; Robbie Ross; Ro Griesse; William Pratley; Mike Edwins; Stan Sorenson; Catherine Lange; Evy Essenwein; Betty Diersen; Mary Lee; Pariann Schenk; *Patti Betlach*, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; *Greg Eklund*, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; *Trina Rinke*, relative of *Teresa Rothausen*; *Gerald Lacher*, friend of Peggy Hoeft; *Jodi Royce*, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; *Annie Hose-Ryan*, friend of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; *Vivien Steinbach*, sister of Charlotte Erlandson; *Daniel Wessling*; *Cheri Penas*, cousin of Dwight Penas; *Richard Burns*, friend of Julie Manuel; *Katie and Meagan* and their families, friends of Mary Dodgson; *Brandon Otto*, nephew of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; *Ben Arnold* and *Lisa Herr*, friends of Doug Parish; *Robert & Blanche Jenson*, friends of Dwight Penas; *Helge Voigt*, friend of Mount Olive; *Kristin Johnson*, friend of *Ginger Hohenstein*; *David Hussman*, son of *Elayne Lipp* (former member); *Richard DeZeeuw*, nephew of *Leila Froehlich*; *Leo & Bennet Poser*, friends of Robbie Ross; *Joan Ewer*, friend of Mary Rose Watson; *Jay Heffern*, friend of Gary Pagel; *Tom McCarr*, friend of Keith Bartz; *Mary Kalumbu*, friend of the Campbell-Johnsons; *Don Johnsen*, father of *Erica Johnsen-Buss*; *Bob Husemoller*, father of *Candy Husemoller*; *Carolyn Devine*, friend of *Leif and Karen Johnson*; *Barbara Tengwall*, friend of *Karen Johnson*; *Dolores Gutierrez*, mother of *Consuelo Crosby*; *Jerry Foss*, friend of *Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti*; *Tim Grant*, relative of *Rhoda and Sherry Nelson*; *Dan*, son of *Ken Siess*; *Grant Klein*, great-grandson of *Evelyn Royce*; *LuAnn Janssen*, sister-in-law of *Gene Janssen*; *Sara Brunette*, daughter-in-law of *CJ Brunette*; *Merle Martinson*, grandfather of *Karen Cherwien*; *Kjell Thompson*; *Reba Zumberge*, relative of *Nancy Anderson*; *Gail Luoma Johnson*, friend of *Mike Edwins and Harry & Jeanette Eklund*; *Truman Jeffers*, father of *Lynn and Lisa Ruff*; *Markus Bachman*, friend of *Peter Crippen*; *Norlene Bateman*, aunt of *Ted Thompson*; *Marlys Krenz*, sister-in-law of *JoAnn & Stan Sorenson*; *Ascher*, nephew of *Judy Graves*; *Patrick Clark*, friend of *Sue Ellen Zagrabelny*; *Mark Nordeen*, brother of *Lisa Nordeen*; *Bill Hatten*, friend of *Al Bostelmann*; *Lela Frazier*, sister of *Irene Campbell*; *Patricia Bell*, friend of *Elizabeth & Joe Beissel*; *Ella Litfin*, friend of *Elisabeth Hunt*; *Rod Karppinen*, relative of *Bob & Berta Wick*; *Mary Amu and Nehemiah*, mother and brother of *Julcey Bitrus*, living in *Nigeria*; *Siobhana Holt-Thomas*, mother of *Cullen Holt*; *Delores Holt*, mother of former

interim pastor *Hollie Holt-Woehl*; *Linea Jonasson*, friend of *Al Bipes*; *Joshua Nordeen*, nephew of *Lisa Nordeen*; *Peter Thompson*, friend of *Al Bostelmann and Darlene Engwall*; *Mary Bourne*, friend of *Al & Margaret Bostelmann*; *Sandra Dycus*, friend of *Sue Ellen Zagrabelny*; *Renee Rautio*, sister of *Amy Reddy*; *Joel Berka*, brother of *James Berka*; *Barbara C. Johnson*, friend of many; *Janet Sullivan*, and *Diane Kragh*, friends of *Mike Edwins*; *Maureen Degnan*, friend of *Erik Gronberg*. **At the death of:** *Rev. Roger Mackey*, friend of *Mike Edwins and Harry Eklund*; *Marian Larson*, aunt of *Eric Zander*.

▪ **Our continual prayers are offered for peace.** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: *Robert Halstead and Jeremy Sager*, friends of *Krys Campbell-Bolz*; *Solveig & Philip*, daughter and son-in-law of *Karen Johnson*; and *Tyson and Keegan Crosby*, relatives of the *Crosby family*. (*Italics indicates non-member friends of Mount Olive.*)

▪ **For Safe Return:** With other churches in the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA, we pray for our companion church in *Nigeria*, especially for the remaining 113 *Nigerian girls kidnapped by Boko Haram*, and their families, and for *Naomi Bitrus'* continued healing as she lives with her freedom.

Summer of '17

And now it begins...at last! The parking lot will be closed for a number of weeks. How many? Six? Eight? Predicting is dangerous. Everyone will do their very best to get the lot available again as soon as possible. Until then, your best option for parking is the Minnesota Workforce Center lot, 1/2 block away-->

Please don't let the temporary unavailability of our parking lot keep you from coming to church! If you have concerns about how this will affect your ability to come, or if you have any other parking-related concerns, please be in touch with Art Halbardier at property@mountolivechurch.org, or call him directly at 763-639-7701.

This week demolition and asbestos abatement begins inside, and prospecting for demolished house foundations outside in the lot. Perhaps someone left a safe full of money in their basement when they sold the house to the church way back when?

Also this week, a new security system will be installed in the building. The old one has been out of service for some time. The new system is designed to serve us for the short term, but also includes all the features planned for the remodeled front entry.

The most noticeable feature will be "touch panels" in the Parish House lobby and the two doors on the alley side. Yes! No more will you need to go to the alarm room to arm or disarm the system. Operating information will be circulated very soon. In the meantime, take note of the touch panels as you come and go. Let checking them become a habit. Setting off false alarms is unpleasant... this spoken from experience.



News From the Neighborhood

Back In Action!

After 12 weeks of maternity leave I started back in the office last Monday and have hit the ground running! My little helper has come along and really enjoys meeting with people and diligently working alongside mom. A sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to this church body for being so supportive all along this journey, from walking (or limping rather) alongside my pregnancy to so graciously celebrating Rook's arrival with us. We are grateful to introduce her such a loving community and appreciate your continued support and prayers and we get the hang of parenthood.

Come be a part of the fun!

This coming Saturday, August 5, will be a full, lively day at Mount Olive. The Bargain Box, Diaper Depot, and School Supplies programs will all be running, and the Community Meal will be served at 12:00. It's a wonderful time to serve the ministries we offer and get to know fellow members and neighbors.

If you can help out, give Anna S a call 612-827-5910 or come to church Saturday morning around 10:00. See you there!



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Farewell to our Vicar

Once again we find ourselves facing the transition between vicars. It's never easy to say goodbye after the grace we receive and give with these servants of the church every year, but it's part of our role as a teaching parish. Vicar Sandin concludes her year with us on Sunday, August 13. She has already graduated with her M.Div., and has been approved for ordination, so she will be ready and open for a call right as she leaves us. A reception will be given for Kelly by the Internship Committee following the liturgy on Sunday the 13th, and it will be an opportunity for us all to thank her for the blessing she has been among us this past year. As hard as it might be to say farewell, we also rejoice that the Church is receiving a gifted pastor for Christ's work.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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