



## Sunday Readings

November 18, 2018

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after

Pentecost

I Samuel 1:4-20

Psalmody: I Sam. 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-25

Mark 13:1-8

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Christ the King

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12[13-18]

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

# The Olive Branch

November 14, 2018

## Accent on Worship

*Pastor Joseph Crippen*

*All the more . . .*

The writer to the Hebrews says to us next Sunday, "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, . . . encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (10:24-25)

These are perilous times. Most generations of the Church who lived through such times where evil and cruelty and hatred not only exist but seem to thrive believed that it was a sign that the Day of the Lord was coming. The end times, the struggles Jesus said would happen near the end. After multiple generations of such hopes or fears, perhaps we can set that response aside. If The Day is near, we'll find out soon enough.

But we can take this exhortation from Hebrews and find possibilities for grace in the midst of the despair that pervades this world. We can – whether we think The Day is coming soon or don't think it ever will come – we can "consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds."

Because in the end love and good deeds are the way that the tide of evil is stemmed, and cruelty abated, and hatred disempowered. We know we

are in the arms of God's love, that the whole world is, that all God's children, every person, is dear to the Triune God and precious. In that undying love, let's consider how we might provoke one another to love and good deeds. Let us encourage one another to this, and "all the more," until the world is healed or the Day comes, trusting in God's Spirit who empowers all this and more in us.

## Sunday Adult Forums

*Sunday, November 18, 2018*

"Climate Justice: An Interfaith Update," presented by - Julia Nerbonne, Executive Director of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light

Julia will lead a discussion about the role of faith communities in building the climate justice movement. From pipeline resistance to building equity in to the solar industry, MNIPL is helping to connect faith values with a growing movement. Come prepared to share your experience, and hear about what others are doing.

*Sunday, November 25, 2018*

"The Divine Dance," part 1 of a 2-part series presented by Pastor Crippen.

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## Graduate Blessing and Celebration

On Sunday, November 25, Mount Olive will take time at our morning fellowship time to recognize the accomplishments of our 2018 graduates - no matter the level. If you have a graduate in your family, whether it is from high school, college, or with a graduate degree, we would like to celebrate with you.

We will recognize our graduates with a special reception and short time of blessing after the first liturgy.

If you have a graduate in your family, and have not already let us know, please send their name, what school they graduated from, their degree, and any information about plans after graduation to [education@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:education@mountolivechurch.org).

Please plan to join us.

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## New Members to be Received This Sunday

Mount Olive will receive new members this Sunday, November 18, at the second liturgy. If you are not a member of Mount Olive and would like to join the congregation at this time, please speak with Pr. Crippen or call/email the church office.

## Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

*Thursday, Nov. 22,  
10:00 a.m.*

Bring non-perishable food items to help re-stock local food shelves. Monetary donations are especially welcome (for every \$1 donated, food shelf personnel are able to buy about \$9 worth of food!)

As has been our custom for a number of years, the entire offering received at the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day will be divided between Sabbathani Community Center and Community Emergency Services food shelves.

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## Copies of Sermon Available

If you missed Sunday's sermon on the vision Pr. Crippen shared, and you don't have access to the internet (it's on the church website with a video), printed copies are available in the church office, on the cabinet near the door.

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## Calendar

### Wednesday, November 14

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper  
6:00 pm Children's Choirs rehearsals  
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday, November 15

- 6:30 pm Evangelism Committee meeting

### Saturday, November 17

- 9:00 am Confirmation  
11:00 am Diaper Depot open  
Noon Community Meal

### Sunday, November 18 - 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation  
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum  
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members*, followed by coffee & conversation

### Monday, November 19

- 4:00 pm National Lutheran Choir Board meeting  
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Tuesday, November 20

- Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open  
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 21

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
*No choirs this evening*  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

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## **Advent Luncheon for Seniors to be Held Wednesday, December 5**

Attention Seniors (65 and over)! Be on the lookout for your invitation to the annual Advent Luncheon for Seniors. The invitations for this fun annual event will soon be in the mail!

## **Help Wanted!**

### *Fair Trade Sale*

On the first three Sundays of Advent, December 2, 9 and 16, the Missions Committee will sponsor the annual Fair Trade Sale between liturgies and following the second liturgy. We find ourselves in need of extra help. Can you help set up the sale between 8:30 and 9:00? Would you be able to help cashier between 9:00-10:30 or between 12:00-12:45? Perhaps you could help take down the display around 12:45 one of the weeks? If you could help in any of these ways, please speak with Lisa Ruff or Judy Hinck, or email us at [missions@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:missions@mountolivechurch.org).

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## **Book Discussion**

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the West Assembly Area. All readers welcome!

For their December 8 meeting, they will read *Believe Me*, by Eddie Izzard. For the January 12 meeting they will read *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles.

## News from the Neighborhood



### *The Holiday Edition!*

#### *~ Thanksgiving ~*

With our opportunity to celebrate a day dedicated to gratitude, please consider sharing abundance with your community. Here are a few ideas to consider;

\* Bring in perishable (and delicious) foods to donate to our food shelf partner CES. Monetary donations are also appreciated and very impactful. Common pantry items, family-sized hygiene supplies, and paper products are highly sought after. Items can be brought to the grocery cart in the coat room or during the Thanksgiving Day service.

\*Think about your climate impact and plan a “Cool Harvest Low Impact” Thanksgiving dinner. Visit [www.coolharvest.org](http://www.coolharvest.org) for a quiz on what impact your food has and get a cool harvest kit to help make environmentally friendly food choices during the holidays.

#### *~ Christmas ~*

This year, the Neighborhood Ministry Committee will be focusing our support through partner organizations Ace in the City and Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement. Ace serves family and youth in the Powderhorn Park area through relationships, mentoring, tutoring, and community-building activities. Through LSS we hope to encourage new refugee families, sharing in a Christmas spirit of love and welcome through providing needed home and personal items.

Pick an ornament from the tree in the West Assembly area home for either or both Ace and LSS. Fulfill the item listed by Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and deliver back to the tree. Please include the original tag or mark what it is designated for.

Ace in the City hosts a special holiday party Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> and needs helpers! While kids are playing, parents can “shop” for gifts and everyone gets to party.

Set-Up Team: Noon-2PM and Tear-Down Team: 4PM-5PM

If folks are willing to be a part of the Ace team, they can contact [Jill.erickson@aceinthecity.org](mailto:Jill.erickson@aceinthecity.org) directly.

If you're interested in making deliveries or helping with the Ace in the City party or want more information, contact Samantha Pipkorn at [neighmin@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:neighmin@mountolivechurch.org) or 404-432-9044 or Anna Scott at [neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org) or 612-827-5919.

## Capital Appeal Nears Milestone at the End of November

The work from our Capital Appeal, Bold Step Forward, has been completed, and at the end of November we reach a major milestone: the construction loan will become our mortgage going forward.

Bold Step Forward was conceived as a 3-year fundraising campaign. This means that our fundraising is nearing the halfway point. To date, we have received more than \$750,000 of the \$1.1 million pledged. The balance of the cost of our construction (the new HVAC system which provides air conditioning in the nave, the renewed parking lot, the revisions to the Parish House entrance, and the replacement of sagging organ pipes) will become a 30-year mortgage that has a locked-in favorable rate.

All Bold Step Forward funds received by the end of November will reduce the size of the new mortgage. If you are considering a gift in 2018 toward Bold Step Forward, doing so by the end of November will be very helpful!

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## Nerheim Update

Things at Nerheim are turning around! After losing our first farm opportunity, and continuing our faith journey, we will be submitting an offer for a beautiful farm located in Braham (50 miles north)! There is a whole lot to do, in a very short period of time, and we'd LOVE your help! There are funds to raise, painting the bedrooms, moving our furniture, and much more! To find out more please find me (Julie Nerheim Erlandson) after the 8:00 service, call me at 612.990.3566, or email me at [Julie@thenerheimproject.org](mailto:Julie@thenerheimproject.org).

If you have no idea what Nerheim is - check out our website at [www.thenerheimproject.org](http://www.thenerheimproject.org)!

## Nigeria Partnership Team--Interest Meeting Sunday

Who would like to take up the pleasant work of building the relationship between Mount Olive and the Bronnum Seminary community in Nigeria?

Join our circle during coffee hour following the second liturgy on Sunday to learn more. We would like to form a team who would lead the congregation in this growing friendship. The members of the team will form individual and group points of contact for Nigerians of similar age and gender. The team will be the communicators of our love for our partners, by taking the time to speak or write, to listen and read.

The work should not be overburdening, only occasional, and mostly at the members' own time schedule.

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## Music & Fine Arts' Advent Procession Service

*Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 4 pm*

Mark the season with a solemn procession and a series of lessons and carols for Advent. Candles, incense, and beautiful music help draw all into this season of hope in the darkest time of the year. All are welcome.

## Additional Christmas Eve Eucharist Added

In addition to the regular Christmas Worship schedule, this year we will add an additional Eucharist at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve. Both services will be very similar, with the only difference being which choir is singing.

The Christmas schedule is updated as follows:

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24:**

**Christmas Eve Eucharist at 5:00 pm**

**Choral prelude at 9:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve Eucharist at 10:00 pm**

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25**

**Christmas Day Eucharist at 10:00 am**

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## National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival: "Mysterious Birth"

The sounds of bells, angels, and mystery abound as the National Lutheran Choir captivates with the annual Christmas Festival, December 7 & 8. A family-favorite celebration of the Holidays for more than three decades, the Christmas Festival is the Choir's signature program of poetry, communal singing, and exquisite music over three performances at the awe-inspiring Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis.

Friday, December 7, 4:30pm and 8:00pm

Saturday, December 8, 8:00pm

Basilica of Saint Mary

88 N. 17th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Tickets: Adult \$33 | Senior \$31 | Students and Children FREE

For tickets and more information, please visit [NLCA.com/18-19season](http://NLCA.com/18-19season) or call (612) 722-2301.

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## TRUST News

**Join TRUST Builders!** There is one more work day in 2018! On December 8, we start at 8:30 a.m. and work until about 3 p.m. To sign up, email John Corlett, TRUST Builders Coordinator, at [jrcorlett@comcast.net](mailto:jrcorlett@comcast.net) or call him at 612-839-6566 (evenings only). If your church has a TRUST Builders Coordinator, sign up there. Thank you!

**South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support's FALL Series** began on September 27 and runs through December 6. It is held at Richfield United Methodist Church, 5835 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis. Please look for more details in the latest edition of the TRUST Communicator.

**TRUST Meals on Wheels** has openings for new Meals on Wheels clients. If you or a parent, friend, or neighbor is in need of a nutritious, hot daily meal delivered right to the door, call Eleonore at 612-822-6040. If you are outside our area, we will direct you.

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**Sunday Eucharist:  
8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

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## **Staff**

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Sexton - *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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