



Accent on Worship

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One is honor claimed or demanded for oneself.
Two is honor that is bestowed upon another.

We see honor claimed and demanded by James and John. They ask to be granted places of honor when Jesus comes into his glory. There is one school of thought that James and John were asking for places of honor in eternal life and

another that posits that they perhaps still expected Jesus to establish an earthly reign. That is neither here nor there for the point of this article, however. The reality is they sought to claim something for themselves - a special place within the reign of Jesus - that was not theirs to claim. How often do we see this in our world? The leader of a corporation, a politician, a wealthy member of society, claiming a place of honor in our world, demanding that all around treat them in the ways they demand to be treated? A demand for honor from news outlets, others in power, and other members of society - a demand to be treated with honor fitting of their self-proclaimed importance? How often do we desire this kind of honor or even claim it for ourselves? Perhaps in our work, in our community, in our families?

A different kind of honor is described in this recording of Jesus teaching, however. It is honor bestowed upon another. Did you miss it? That position of honor is called by a different name: *servant*. Living within the here-and-now reign of Jesus, we are given, granted, gifted, with a position of honor: A servant of Jesus. How is being a servant a place of honor? Because of the one who first establishes a reign of justice, peace, and love, and second, calls us into a place of honor in that reign. Listen to the words often spoken by servants working in a place led by an honor-worthy leader. "I am honored to work in such a place." "It is an honor to work with you all." "It is an honor to be a part of this organization." Whether it is work (paid or unpaid) we do within an earthly organization, I believe we humans instinctively know when we are working within a place led by a worthy leader. Because a worthy leader bestows honor not only on the organization itself, but on those working and serving within that organization. If such a thing is true in our earthly places of work and service, how much more true are those things when we are talking about serving within the reign of Jesus? It is Jesus that bestows on us a position, a title of honor because it is Jesus who is worthy of that honor in the first place. And that title of honor? Servant.

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, October 17

21st Sunday after Pentecost,

Lect. 28 B

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 24

*22nd Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 28 B*

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Eucharist

11:00 am – Eucharist

(Livestreamed)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., October 13

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm - Children's
 Choir (on Zoom)
 7:30 pm - Cantorei
 rehearsal

Thurs., October 14

7 pm – Narcotics
 Anonymous

Sun., October 17***Pentecost 21***

9 am – Holy Eucharist
11 am – Holy Eucharist

Tues., October 19

Noon – Bible Study

Wed., October 20

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm - Children's
 Choir (on Zoom)
 7:30 pm - Cantorei
 rehearsal

*In the
 presence of God.
 Being the
 presence of God.*

Sunday Morning Schedule

There are **two worship services on Sunday morning, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** To be able to continue COVID-related safety measures, we ask the following:

During this time, we will continue to request R.S.V.P responses for each worship in order to allow for physical distancing in the sanctuary. You no longer need to check your name off before proceeding to worship. We will continue to require that you wear a well-fitting mask that covers your **nose and mouth**. Please do not move the pew ropes, to help with social distancing, and **please** leave the short pews for those with wheelchairs. This is especially important to protect those who are not vaccinated, including children. Coffee hour has been temporarily suspended.

The link to RSVP for worship is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/mountolive> . This link will be live each Wednesday for the following Sunday.

Additional Ushers Needed!

The usher corps is in great need of additional people to serve at our doors and in our sanctuary. Due to the comings and goings of many of our tenured ushers, we are seeking any member, new or veteran, to serve on the usher corps. Duties have currently changed to accommodate our response to Covid-19, but they overall stay the same in the way we welcome our members and guests.

If you think you could give up your pew once every few weeks and be ready to greet, collect offering, and direct the communion traffic flow, you would be a prime candidate! This job is also really great for families, engaging all individuals while carrying out the necessary tasks.

If you would be interested in this position or if you have any questions about it, please contact Brian Jacobs at 612-251-5942 with a call or text. He will be happy to train anyone interested and would quite possibly have you fill in this coming 4th quarter for some of the people who are unable to be with us. Otherwise, you would be scheduled in the first quarter of next year. The number of times serving per quarter ranges anywhere from two to four times and may involve evening and weekday services, depending on the season.

Conversation on Ballot Initiatives

A recording of the conversation led on Zoom last Thursday, October 7, by Mark Ruff and Steve Berg, regarding the Minneapolis ballot initiatives this fall, is now available on Mount Olive's YouTube channel.

[Click here for link.](#)



Fall is upon us, but the unseasonably warm weather reminds me that Mount Olive has air conditioning in the sanctuary, thanks to our geothermal HVAC system. Let's check in with Marty Hamlin and Judy Hink on why air conditioning in our worship space is so important.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WTf8oiOfGoQkedeghunm-2HWu9J03E6em/view?usp=sharing>

Semi-annual Congregation Meeting to be held October 24

The October semi-annual Congregation Meeting for 2021 will be held on Sunday, October 24, at 12:30 pm, immediately following the second liturgy. The meeting will be held in-person (with social distancing and masks) in the Undercroft, with the option of also attending online via Zoom. The primary agenda item will be discussion of Mount Olive's 2022 budget.

Additional information, including specific agenda, budget materials, and instructions for accessing the meeting online will be sent out closer to the time of the meeting. Please plan to attend either in-person or online to discuss and vote on the proposed budget.

The **Review of the Proposed 2022 Annual Budget** will be held online via Zoom on **October 19, at 6pm**. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Please use the following Link to attend this meeting [Join Zoom Meeting](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84327206737?pwd=WkxNMUNxWTNlcFFyRWE4VDdiam5Ldz09>

or you may log into Zoom with the following Meeting ID: 843 2720 6737 Passcode: Budget2022.

The Boldly into the Future team will be hosting an Oktoberfest Celebration in the Mount Olive south parking lot immediately following the Congregational Meeting (see below).

Oktoberfest Celebration October 24

The Boldly Into the Future leadership team will be hosting a harvest festival and celebration on Sunday, October 24, after the semi-annual meeting. We need cooks and helpers to sign up to make this a success. Brats and beer and all the trimmings will be provided, but we're looking for cooks and bakers to make dishes at home and bring them in that day (or the day before, if necessary). We will also need set-up and take-down help before and after the event. Can you help? We certainly hope so! Go to the SignUp Genius link below, select the way (or ways!) that you can help, and sign up. We'll be in touch before the event with further instructions. Thanks! We hope to see you there.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MountOliveHarvest>

No access to sign up online? Call the church office and we will get you signed up!

Missions News: Helping Refugees

Help Afghan Refugees

While your Missions Committee considers how we might be more directly involved in Afghan resettlement, here is the latest expression of need from our friends at Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota:

Donate to our Emergency Housing Fund – this is the most emergent need we currently have. Please support a refugee family including Afghan families by easing their transition to MN. [You can donate at donate.lssmn.org/resettlement](https://www.lssmn.org/resettlement). Any amount makes a difference! ***Please note: we are not currently able to place families directly into homes with community members.*** If you have a rental unit in the Twin Cities or St. Cloud areas that might be an option for a family, please let us know!

Send physical Target gift cards-- We can then give these to families upon arrival. If you take this option, please also provide us with your name, physical address, phone number, and the gift card's value (either through mail or email). This helps us a great deal. You can either buy a gift card and send it through the mail OR buy a physical gift card online and have it shipped to our address. Gift cards can be sent to:

LSS Refugee Services
C/O Cate Duin
2400 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Help us restock our supply room – We are running short on key items! You can shop our online **Target Registry** and the items will ship straight to us! [Click here for the Target Registry](#). These items make a difference for refugee families including Afghan families as they start their next chapter here in MN. Or, you can also [buy items from our Amazon list](#). If you take this option, please also email us at refugee.services@lssmn.org with your name, physical address, phone number, and the value of the gifts you donated so we can issue you a receipt (which helps us too with tracking).

Book Discussion

The Mount Olive Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 10:00 am. They have resumed meeting at church.

For the October 9 meeting, the book will be *The Darling*, by Russell Banks, and for November 13, the book is *The Little Red Chairs*, by Edna O'Brien.

Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the West Lounge. For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well.

The link for the Tuesday noon Bible study will be the same every week.

To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).

Getting to Know Our Newest Members

Over the next couple of issues of *The Olive Branch*, we will introduce you to some of our newest members who joined Mount Olive on September 19.



Alan & Kathy Wicks

We are retired ELCA Pastors who are returning to the Twin Cities. Kathy graduated from Augsburg and Alan and Kathy graduated from Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul in 1980. We served separate congregations in Kansas City, Missouri, and in Iowa. We served together in McAllen and Austin Texas. Kathy is a trained Interim Ministry Pastor and Alan earned a D.Min from Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

We were married at St. Peder Lutheran Church in Minneapolis in 1976 and have three children. Son, David, and his wife Cheryl and three grandchildren live in Eagan. Our other son, the Rev. Nathan and his wife Sarah and three grandchildren live in Gackle, ND. Daughter Anna and her husband Adam Moke live in Madison, WS.

We now live in Realife Coop in West St. Paul where we enjoy gardening and visiting family and friends together. We are both readers and Kathy works in the library at our Coop. We also love following the Kansas City Royals and the Twins and Saints and will be regretting the end of the baseball season. Al is an avid biker. Kathy loves to sing all kinds of music and has organized a singing group at the Coop.

We are grateful for Mount Olive and its beautiful worship, are grateful for the community, and look forward to becoming more involved.

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 3, worshippers are invited to submit the names of loved ones close to them who have died in the past year, since last All Saints Sunday, who weren't members of Mount Olive. (Members of the parish who have died are always named.)

For those who attend worship in the coming weeks, a book is located at the entrance to the nave where you can write these names. You may also contact the church office with the names. These other names submitted will be included in the prayers of intercession.

Please keep this to just those who have died this past year, so we can have a more manageable list.

RSVP for This Sunday, Oct. 17

Although there appears to be a positive trend in COVID cases at the moment, we will continue to require RSVPs for worship for the time being. Here's the link – it becomes active on Wednesday:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/mountolive>

There is no longer any need to check off your name when you enter the building on Sunday mornings.

This coming Sunday, after the 11 a.m. worship service, there will be a program in the nave of the church to honor Cha Posz's 20 years of service to Mount Olive as our Administrative Assistant. Please plan to stay after worship, or return if you go to the early service, to hear stories and thank God for the gift of Cha among us.

If you would still like to contribute to the gifts for David and Cha, feel free to do so. Mail gifts to the office or drop them in the offering plate. Write "staff gifts" in the memo line.



The Garden Cycle Continues

As we enter fall, we have different flowers blooming on the southwest corner of our south parking lot garden. Enjoy the beautiful purples, greens, and pinks of these late blooming flowers – asters and turtle head.

Fall also calls for planting bulbs – 200 daffodils were planted this past weekend by our faithful garden volunteers! Red tulips by the church sign will be next on the list, but only after the first frost since the begonias continue to be beautiful.

The fall season also requires some clean-up work, but the pollinators will be left as is so that the birds have food, and the bees can seek refuge in the stems over the winter.

If you have an interest in gardening all are welcome to join on our next gardening day, Saturday, October 23. We gather around 9:00 am and will be working on cutting back hostas, spirea bushes, general weeding, and maybe planting tulips.

If you have any questions please reach out to Carol Martinson, email: Property@mountolivechurch.org or at 612-708-9849.



In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Susan Cherwien; Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Art Halbardier; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Robin Rayfield; Evelyn Royce; John Salveson; Pariann Schenk; John Wall; Berta Wick; James Wilkes; *Adalyn Lerum*, relative of Nancy Anderson; *Danna Nelson*, *Gerry Coleman*, friends of Jim Bargmann; *Tom McCarr*, friend of Keith Bartz; *Cassandra Thompson*, friend of Al Bostelmann; *Sara Brunette*, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; *Arthur Kaemmer*, friend of David Bryce; *Lela Frazier*, sister of Irene Campbell; *Klarrisa Ramirez*, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; *Kristin Eklund-Johnson*, *Greg Eklund*, *Ryan Snelling*, daughter, son, and friend of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; *Rolf Skeji*, relative of Judy Graves; *David G. Gutierrez, Sr.*, *Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr.*, father and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; *Carol Halter* (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; *Norma Pera and Hilde Dobberpubl*, sisters of Eunice Hafemeister and aunts of Linda Hafemeister; *Charlotte Cote*, granddaughter of Jan & Jim Harbaugh; *Cat Robinette*, friend of Emily Hellerich; *Tami Huisinga*, relative of Wes Huisinga; *Craig Cunningham*, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; *Bob Adamson*, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; *Roger Bradford*, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; *Barbara Dahl*, sister of Carla Manuel; *Dani Olson*, *Harper Linquist*, *Steve Camper*, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; *Jan McCuen*, mother of Matt McCuen; *Brenda Frankman*, friend of Rachel Meurett; *Martha Johnson*, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; *Kathleen Austad*, sister of Jerry Ostlund; *Sue Smith*, *Steve Swanson*, and *Mary Peterson* friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; *Vince DeLusia*, friend of Cynthia Prosek; *Rudd Rayfield*, *Jolie Meshbeshier Hassler*, *Katelyn Bowden*, *Cindy Williams*, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; *Leila Jeffers*, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; *Miranda Alvis*, niece of Tim Sneer; *Carrie*, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; *David Duran*, friend of *Kevin Vazquez*; *Andrew Wiechman*, son of Grace Wiechman; *Judy Bonnes*, *Tommie and Susie Hunter*; *Barbara C. Johnson*, friends of Mount Olive.

Of thanksgiving at the birth of a child: a son, to Brianna and Eric Merriman, daughter and son-in-law of Margaret Gohman.

At the death of: *Rolf Skeji*, relative of Judy Graves.

Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

Our continual prayers are offered for peace: We pray for all the world's governments, leaders, and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: *Ross Chambers*, nephew of Berta & Bob Wick; *Solveig & Philip*, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and *Tyson Crosby*, relative of the Crosby family. (*Italics indicates non-member friends of Mount Olive.*)

About our prayer list ...

If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly, to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates.



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