



Accent on Worship

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Fresh Air

In the fall, the lectionary tends to assign readings that are pretty challenging. As November approaches, we get stories from later in Jesus' ministry (along with readings from the Hebrew Scriptures to match) that say hard things. Apocryphal warnings, parables that sound threatening, and, as we've heard lately, teachings about taking up your cross and losing yourself.

By November, the readings heavily focus on the end times. Serious stuff, necessary for a serious world.

But not Sunday. For a moment, the sun shines through with pure joy and hope. A blind man receives his sight. The psalmist sings of being restored, of harvesting joy after planting tears. And Jeremiah – no stranger to serious things and challenging words – sings God's promise to bring all who are scattered back home, lead them on straight paths alongside refreshing waters, to new life.

Breathe in this gift. Let God's grace and mercy shine in your heart and give you hope. It's been a hard time for our city and country for a while – and for some of our neighbors, a really long while – and all of us have felt exhausted beyond what we'd call normal. Let the sunshine of Sunday's grace remind you that God's joy is in this world and God is bringing healing and restoration and hope. Like Bartimaeus, let the Triune God open your eyes to this beauty. You need to know it's there for you and for the world.

SUNDAY READINGS

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, October 31
Reformation Day

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Eucharist

11:00 am – Eucharist

(Livestreamed)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., October 20

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

Thurs., October 21

7 pm – Narcotics
 Anonymous

Sat., October 23

9 am – Gardening Day

Sun., October 24*Pentecost 22*

9 am – *Holy Eucharist*
 11 am – *Holy Eucharist*
 12:30 pm – Congregation
 meeting, followed by
 Oktoberfest

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.

Semi-annual Congregation Meeting to be held This Sunday, October 24

The October semi-annual Congregation Meeting for 2021 will be held this 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.

Please plan to attend either in person or online to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. For those choosing to attend online, please use the following link to join the 2021 October Semi-annual Congregational Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82661352964?pwd=WDQ5dlQ0eTM1YkFNC0lQR203cUZHU09>

Oktoberfest Celebration This Sunday!

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!

With Thanks to our Gardeners!

Here are some of those who met recently to take care of some of our fall gardening. Pictured below are Carol Martinson, Karen Johnson, Brent Rivard, Katherine Hanson, Andrew Andersen, and Master Gardener Barb Huibregtse (not pictured is Gary Page!). Check the gardens out when you are here!



Common Hope Sponsorships Matched!

This is it, the final days of Sponsorpalooza! And a Common Hope donor has offered a match! One sponsorship becomes two.

Common Hope set out with a goal to find sponsors for 75 students and are just 7 students away from reaching that goal by the end of the month. These students are working so hard to persevere during the pandemic and stay in school. They could greatly benefit from your support as a sponsor. For the cost of one dinner out per month, you can make a difference. Join others at Mount Olive who are also sponsoring students in this amazing program.

You can select one of the students on display in the West Assembly display or go to the Common Hope site to select your student, or let Common Hope select the student for you.



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 November 13, the book is *The Little Red Chairs*, by Edna O'Brien, and for December 11, *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell.

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](#).

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 7, 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.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Mount Olive Friends,

I can't believe it's been 20 years already! Where did the time go?

Thank you all so much for your wonderful gifts and cards and calls and program in celebration of my 20th anniversary with you. I'm overwhelmed! As I hope you heard in my comments, it's really me that owes Mount Olive a debt of gratitude, simply for being who you are. (I brag about you to my friends ☺). As was mentioned on Sunday, it's an amazing testament to this congregation that your staff chooses to stick around so long.

It's been my joy and my privilege to work among you all these years, and I look forward to the years ahead.

With love in Christ,

- *Cha Posz*

National Lutheran Choir All Saints Programs

After so many months of distance and turmoil, the National Lutheran Choir is returning to live performances with their annual program of remembrance. Join them in November for "All Saints: We Remember," a live concert, and "Requiem Aeternam," a virtual program, to honor loved ones we have lost this past year through sacred choral music.

Audience-submitted names of those who are no longer with us will be shared during these programs as we each mourn and heal from the loss of important people in our lives. To submit a name, visit www.NLCA.com/all-saints-2021.

All Saints: We Remember (Live Concert)

Friday, November 5th - 7pm @ Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN

November 7th - 4pm @ St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

Adults and seniors: \$30 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free

Requiem Aeternam (Virtual Program) Available for streaming November 6-8

Pay what you can; Suggested donation of \$5 per household

For tickets and more information, visit NLCA.com or call 612-722-2301.

A Few Photos from Last Sunday

Many thanks to all who assisted with the program for Cha Posz's 20th anniversary with Mount Olive. Special appreciation goes to the committee who planned this event: Andrew Andersen, Brenda Bartz, Pr. Crippen, Larry Duncan, Lora Dundek, Peg Hoeft, Adam Krueger, Carol Peterson, Warren Peterson, and Mark Spitzack.

Thanks to Louise Lystig Fritchie for these wonderful photos!



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; 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; *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 Dabl*, 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 Mesbber 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 Vasquez*; *Andrew Wiechman*, son of Grace Wiechman; *Judy Bonnes*, *Tommie and Susie Hunter*; *Barbara C. Johnson*, friends of Mount Olive.

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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