



Accent on Worship

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When Jesus saw Mary weeping, and those who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. - John 11:33-35, NRSV.

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Sunday, November 14

25th Sunday after

Pentecost, Lect. 33 B

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-18 [19-25]

Mark 13:1-8

Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Eucharist

11:00 am – Eucharist

(Livestreamed)

Can you imagine what it would have felt like to be Mary or Martha? Having Jesus weeping with you as you grieve the loss of someone or something. Or as you hope and believe that things could have a different outcome, trusting in the Triune God to bring transformation and healing.

When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” – John 11:43-44, NRSV.

Can you imagine what it would have felt like to be Lazarus? Hearing Jesus call you by name and lead you out of the stinky dark cave into the sweet smell of new life. Feeling the weight of what once stifled you slowly begin to unravel as your heart beats with hope.

Sometimes it is way easier for us to focus on what is smelling in the grave than it is for us to enter into new live unbound. It is easier to focus on what binds us to the grave. Our internal narratives of shame, guilt, and fear along with our imperfections of greed, selfishness, and apathy. And the external narratives that tell us we are unworthy and broken. Money, success, and status act as fake bandages while our bodies seek the healing balm of justice, love, and grace.

The promise today and every day is that Jesus is making us new, peeling away everything that binds us so that we can experience the boundless love and grace of God. The Triune God comes us to us in our sin and in our sorrow, joining in our cries, as you and I and our communities are saved by the healing love of God. Free to serve our neighbor. Free from the sting of death. Free to walk in the newness of life.

God’s love and grace for you unbinds you, go and be free.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., November 3

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

Thurs., November 4

7 pm – Narcotics
 Anonymous

Sat., November 6

10 am – Book Discussion

Sun., November 7

All Saints Sunday
 9 am – *Holy Eucharist*
 11 am – *Holy Eucharist*

Mon., November 8

7 pm – Vestry meeting

Tues., November 9

Noon – Bible Study

Wed., November 10

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.

Attention Mount Olive Servants

The Servant Schedule for the first quarter of 2022 (January – March, 2022) will be published at the beginning of December, 2021. The deadline for submitting requests is November 12, 2021.

Please email your requests to peggyrf70@gmail.com.

Chancel Dusting and Polishing Day

The Altar Guild is hosting a chancel-cleaning event on **Saturday, November 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

Please join our crew – for an hour, for the morning. The more hands, the faster we'll finish! Come help prepare our worship space for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Questions? Contact Beth Gaede – bethgaede@comcast.net.

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy this 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. **Names must be submitted by this Wednesday, Nov. 3.**

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

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.



Missions Committee update: Bread for the World's Offering of Letters!

breadfortheworld

ABOUT: Bread for the World, started in 1974, is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. It equips people to write personal letters and emails, meet with members of Congress, and to work with others to end hunger. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.bread.org/>
MOUNT OLIVE'S SUPPORT STARTED: ca. 1995 **OUR CURRENT ANNUAL SUPPORT:** \$1,000 **FOR PERSPECTIVE:** Our Missions gifts to 11 organizations in 2020 totaled \$32,499.

What's New? Bread for the World's annual fall Offering of Letters isn't new. It's been the organization's "signature" event since 1975. At Mount Olive we for many years wrote letters during a fall Sunday adult-education hour. What is new and still evolving, due to COVID and increasing use of electronic communications, is how local efforts will be organized. For now, we at Mount Olive will write our letters at home. Please help us continue this important Mount Olive tradition. Global hunger is a life-or-death issue!

In Mount Olive's Offering of Letters this year we're encouraging our senators and representatives to continue working for bipartisan passage of the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 (H.R. 4693) and, specifically, to work to secure at least two hundred cosigners by the end of 2021. The bill has the potential to improve the lives of tens of millions of women and children around the world.

To write traditional letters: Using the addresses below, write to Minnesota's senators and to your representative, emphasizing the importance of H.R. 4693 and of securing additional cosigners. **To send emails:** Use [this portal](#) to quickly send three identical messages by using copy/paste. Compose the body of your message and copy it. Go to the portal and click on "contact information" for the first official to whom you're writing. Then find "email," "share your opinion," or "contact." Type in your name and other required information. Paste your letter in the "message" box, adding Dear Senator/Representative (Name). Press send. Repeat for the other senator and for your representative.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar

302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Tina Smith

309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Angie Craig (Second District)

1523 Longworth House Office Building
Washington,, DC 20515

Dean Phillips (Third District)

1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Betty McCollum (Fourth District)

2256 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ilhan Omar (Fifth District)

1517 Longworth House Office
Building
Washington, DC 20515

Tom Emmer (Sixth District)

315 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Thursday, November 25, 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.

The Great Planting of Tulips 2021



Last Friday, Oct. 29, volunteers came out to plant tulips on our grounds for next spring.

Thanks to Andrew Andersen, Margaret Gohman, Claudia Beck, Barb Huibregtse (mater gardener and friend of Mount Olive), Carol Martinson, Walt Hinck, and Gary Pagel (photographer, not pictured).



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.](#)

Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month

Throughout the pandemic, our Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month program has continued in a modified form. We have continued to support our community partners through a financial contribution, our corporate and individual prayers, and continual check-ins to see how things were going. We inadvertently dropped the regular article highlighting our Partner of the Month from the Olive Branch. That omission was recently brought to our attention, and so that feature returns this month. Our partners continue doing great work in our community, and we are proud to support that work however we are able and anxiously await the day when you all will again have the opportunity to visit in-person with the leaders of these incredible organizations.

Our Neighborhood Ministry Partner for November is Restorative Justice Community Action.

Restorative Justice Community Action (RJCA) brings residents and victims together with adults and youth who have committed crimes in their area. Together they participate in community conferences, an alternative sentencing option and restorative justice process that strengthens accountability and opens a line of communication between the offender and those harmed. The goal is to seek true restoration, especially in terms of community standing and relationship, for those who have committed crimes and the victims of those crimes.

As a reminder, Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget. However, we encourage any member who wishes to contribute over and above our budgeted amount to those partners doing work in their areas of passion and concern. You can do this using your offering envelopes or our online giving system. All additional contributions to our partner of the month will be distributed to the partner of the month for the month in which the contribution is received.



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