



## Accent on Worship

*Pastor Joseph Crippen*

*What did we miss?*

All Saints Sunday was as late as it can be, Nov. 7, so we will miss the lectionary readings that often follow that day and jump right into apocalyptic questions next Sunday.

### SUNDAY READINGS

**Sunday, November 14**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after*

*Pentecost, Lect. 33 B*

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-18 [19-25]

Mark 13:1-8

**Sunday, November 21**

*Reign of Christ*

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

What we missed hearing this year was two beautiful stories of abundance. God keeps the jar of meal and jug of oil full for a poor widow of Zarephath who cared for the prophet Elijah. And a widow with almost nothing gives all she had at the Temple, with Jesus and his followers witnessing.

The abundance in the latter is harder to see. She's lost her spouse, her means of income, and in that culture could be reduced to begging if she didn't have an adult son to care for her (and we don't know her home situation.) She gives only two small coins, all she had.

But here is the abundance: she sees those coins as not belonging to her but to God, and shares them for the benefit of God and others. This unnamed widow has an abundance of love for God, an abundance of trust in God's care, an abundance of grace in being able to share from nothing. Just like the widow with seemingly almost nothing who still offered Elijah food.

As our Stewardship Committee, led by Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby, invites you and me to pledge to each other what we plan to share in this ministry of Mount Olive that we do together in 2022, let us pray for our own confidence in God's abundance, like both of these widows, whose love for God and neighbor was their focus and who poured out that love in their life and action.

## Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Eucharist

11:00 am – Eucharist

(Livestreamed)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Wed., November 10**

10 am – Staff meeting  
 5:30 pm - Children's  
 Choir (on Zoom)  
 7:15 pm - Cantorei  
 rehearsal

**Thurs., November 11**

7 pm – Narcotics  
 Anonymous

**Sat., November 13**

10 am – Book Discussion

**Sun., November 14**

*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
 Pentecost*  
*9 am – Holy Eucharist*  
*11 am – Holy Eucharist*

**Mon., November 15**

7 pm – Worship  
 Committee

**Tues., November 16**

Noon – Bible Study

**Wed., November 17**

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.

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## 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](mailto:peggyrf70@gmail.com).

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## 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](mailto:bethgaede@comcast.net).

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## **Cantor Cherwien Sabbatical: Take 2**

### *Dietrich Jessen appointed Interim Cantor*

Cantor Cherwien's sabbatical, originally scheduled for March through May of 2020, was cut short just after beginning, due to the pandemic. The Vestry has approved a second attempt, for December 2021 through February 2022. While travel is less of a feature this time, it will be a time of rest, local experiences, and care for Susan in her health journey.

Dietrich Jessen, a member of Mount Olive, will serve as Interim Cantor. Dietrich was raised in Louisiana and has served as a church musician since age 12. He is a graduate of Luther College, and has been musician at St. Paul-Reformation, Christ the King, and Calvary Lutheran churches. He has a passion for liturgy and worship and has been associated with Lutheran Summer Music Academy both as a student participant, and then later also on the staff.

He lives in South Minneapolis with his wife, Carly, and works as an IT Business Analyst for Daikin Applied Americas, a global HVAC organization based in Plymouth, MN.

He will begin on Wednesday, December 1. Welcome Dietrich!

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## **Ring bells for peace and healing Thursday, Nov. 11**

Across our synod, congregations will be ringing bells tomorrow, Nov. 11, at 11:11 a.m., the anniversary of the armistice ending World War I.

Over a hundred years later, and as we struggle with our exit from our most recent war, the 20 years of violence and death in Afghanistan, we take this time to call upon God to lead us to peace, to work as Christ in us as peacemakers. At Mount Olive, Al Bostelmann will ring a bell on the steps of Mount Olive at 11:11, and Pr. Crippen will lead a prayer for peace in our lives, our country, and our world.

All who wish to join together on the steps are welcome to come.



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

**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.

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## Celebrating Jonathan Holtmeier's ordination

**On Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Olive**, the congregation will welcome Bishop Ann Svennungsen as she presides at the ordination of Mount Olive member Jonathan Holtmeier into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Jonathan has been called to serve as pastor of the Congregational Church of Excelsior. As with our Sunday liturgies, we ask all who wish to attend to RSVP. Here is the link:

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

We give thanks to Almighty God for setting Jonathan apart for this ministry and pray God's rich blessings on his service.

## 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.

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## 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.](#)

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## 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.

## 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; Marilyn & Victor Gebauer; Heather Halen; 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; *Scott Spooner*, son of Cathy Bosworth; *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; *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 Linguist*, *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; *Dn. Steven Arnold*, friend of Andrew Stoebig; *Sue Smith*, *Steve Swanson*, and *Mary Peterson* friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; *Vince DeLusia*, friend of Cynthia Prosek; *Rudd Rayfield*, *Jolie Meshbesher 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.

**Prayers of thanksgiving** at the birth of Felix Ichiro Davitt Dahl, born to Daniel and Lydia Dahl

**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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