



The Olive Branch

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, January 30
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
I Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 6
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
I Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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

Accent on Worship

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

Before I knew you, I loved you. Before you were born, I loved you. Before you were appointed to care for and lead your community, I loved you. This is what is at the heart of God's message to the prophet Jeremiah in our first reading for this Sunday. You will lead nations, God tells him, and you will do this with love. You will transform communities with love. You will take down systems of power with love. You will create something new with love.

But if you keep reading in the book of Jeremiah, you will learn and experience for yourself very quickly that there isn't a whole lot of love going around in Jeremiah's time. Jeremiah encounters brokenness, pain, suffering, destruction, division, and isolation—everything that exists because of the absence of love. Jeremiah's calling leads him to the brokenness of the world and amid that brokenness, his calling is to proclaim love. But before he can proclaim the new covenant of love (see Jeremiah 31:31-34), he must proclaim accountability and change.

Proclaiming God's love is one thing. Calling out injustices, challenging systems of power, transforming our lives, changing our bad habits—there is nothing easy about that. Yet, God's calling of the prophet Jeremiah is that proclaiming God's love

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., January 26

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm - Children's Choir
 (on Zoom)
 No Cantorei rehearsal

Thurs., January 27

7 pm – Narcotics
 Anonymous

Fri., January 28

7pm – Recovery Group

Sun., January 30

*4th Sunday after
 Epiphany*
9 am – Holy Eucharist
11 am – Holy Eucharist
(livestreamed)

Tues., February 1

Noon – Bible Study
 7pm – Missions Committee

Wed., February 2

Presentation of Our Lord
 10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm - Children's Choir
 (on Zoom)
7pm – Holy Eucharist
 8:10 pm – Cantorei
 rehearsal

Sunday Morning Schedule

There are **two worship services each 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. 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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includes actively working to transform our lives and the world we live in so that all people (including ourselves) may experience and be transformed by the love that God has for all of creation. God's promise to be with Jeremiah is the same promise God makes with us, especially as we proclaim love, mercy, and justice.

Following God's calling to use our voices and our gifts to bring about grace and love to our neighbors, even in challenging times, is who we are created to be. For we are created to love.

- Vicar Andrea Bonneville

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

A new chart for 2022 Altar Flowers has been posted next to the church office. It awaits your name and participation. Sign up!

The cost of 2 bouquets is \$50. If you would like to sign up for both bouquets, sign both lines. If you want to sign up for one of the bouquets for \$25, simply sign one line. Use the envelopes provided on the chart to submit your payment to the church office.

Feel free to call the church office if you have any questions.

The Presentation of Our Lord

Wednesday, February 2

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/PresentationEucharist>

Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month

Not only is **Our Saviour's Community Services** an independent non-profit started by our sister congregation, but Mount Olive volunteers provide meals at their shelter each month. In addition to the shelter for adults experiencing homelessness, Our Saviour's provides transitional housing for women who have experienced domestic abuse and permanent supportive housing for men and women who live with a mental illness, physical disability, and/or substance use disorders.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget, but on top of that, 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 for the month in which the contribution is received.

For more information about Our Saviour's Community Services, visit <https://oscs-mn.org>.

The National Lutheran Choir Winter Concert: *Touch the Earth Lightly*

Join the National Lutheran Choir on Sunday, February 20 for a program of music and hymns celebrating creation and the call to be stewards of the earth. The concert will feature guest conductors, Tom Trenney and NLC's tenor section leader, Shaun Halland, alongside artistic director, David Cherwien at the organ.

Sunday, February 20, 4 p.m.

Roseville Lutheran Church, 1215 Roselawn Ave. W., Roseville, MN 55113

Tickets may be purchased online at NLCA.com.
Masks and proof of vaccination are required.

Book Discussion

The Mount Olive Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at church.

On February 12, they will discuss *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. For March 12 they will read *Moby Dick*, by Herman Melville.

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.](#)

“We Welcome You into the Body of Christ...”

On Sunday, January 9, Mount Olive welcomed through Baptism Nels Carroll Rivard, son of Hannah and Brent, and brother of Howie.



“Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.”



Our Afghan Family Has Arrived!

“The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.” (Exodus 13:21-22)



Vicar Andrea Bonneville spoke these words on Wednesday, January 19, as part of a house blessing in anticipation of the arrival of the Afghan family Mount Olive is sponsoring. The Nesting and Food teams have been busy making sure the family has a warm welcome to the area.

It was a terrific turnout of volunteers on Wednesday as 20 members of Mount Olive showed up to move in furniture and get the kitchen set up. Judy Hinck was one of the volunteers and reflected on the day, “I hope that what we find ‘welcoming’ is also what a family from a totally different culture finds welcoming as well! We know so little!! It is a beautiful space, much better than we hoped! How much fun to work with other MO friends to set up this home.”

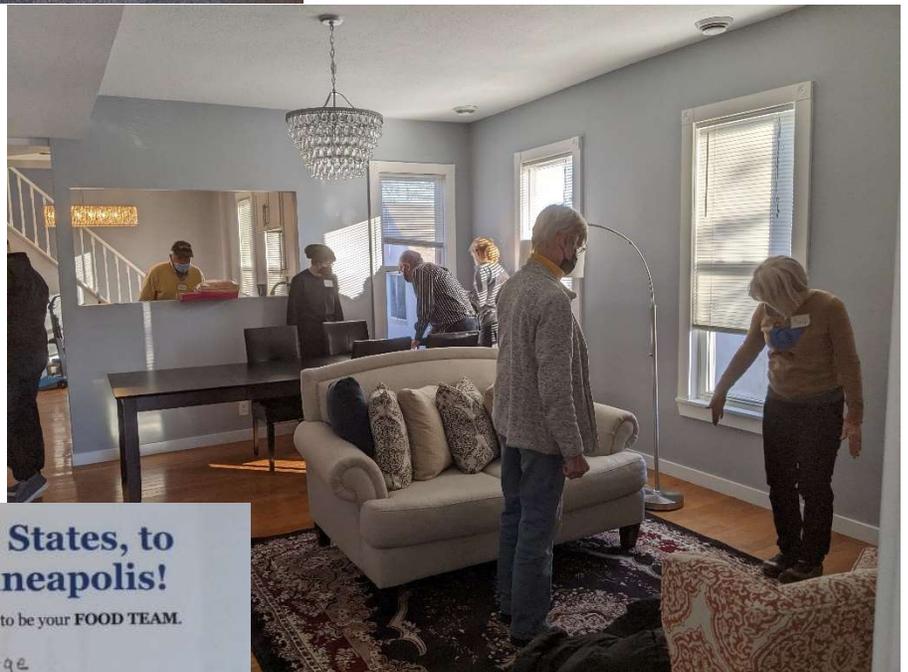
Donn McLellan has been heading up the Food team. In addition to getting the kitchen set up, the team also welcomed the family with a meal. Donn reports, “Early in the evening of Thursday, January 20, the family’s first day in their new home, two members of the Food team delivered Mount Olive’s welcoming meal for the family--from St. Paul’s Khyber Pass Cafe.”

One of the team members who’d delivered the meal said, “We only came to the door, but seeing the family’s smiling faces made our day. Without understanding their few words, we knew they were saying thanks.”

As we move forward together as a congregation to support this family’s resettlement, this prayer from the house blessing inspires us:

“Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit your servants together into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ’s name. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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Welcome to the United States, to Minnesota, and to Minneapolis!

We are from Mount Olive Lutheran Church and are honored to be your **FOOD TEAM**.

Candy
Jon
MIKE
GAIL
Louise
JERRY
Kaia
Bekah
Lina
MARGE
MARGAROT
Joellen
Sue
Donn

Please let us know, via LSS, if you:

Need food items we have *not* provided;

need more of something we *have* provided; or

that you don't use or want certain items, so we don't get them again.

For LSS: Food team coordinator is Donn McLellan, donn19541962@gmail.com, 952-452-2049

Funeral Arrangements for Berta Wick

A funeral Eucharist for our sister, Berta Wick, will be held at Mount Olive Saturday, January 29, at 11:00 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, masks will be worn throughout, and all attendees are asked to RSVP at this link: [Berta Wick's Funeral](#).

The liturgy will be livestreamed, and a link for that will be sent out on Friday, January 28. A luncheon will follow after the funeral. For the luncheon, all attendees are asked to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and COVID booster shots are strongly encouraged. Please be prepared to show proof of vaccination before attending the luncheon. Wear your mask at all times except when eating or drinking. All attendees are asked to RSVP at this link: [Berta Wick's Funeral Luncheon](#).

*Rest eternal grant her, O God,
and let perpetual light shine on her.
May Berta and all the blessed dead,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

Service Opportunity – Counting Team

The Stewardship team is growing! We are looking for several members to join in the service of counting our weekly offerings. It is fun, simple, and with the addition of a new counting team of 3 people, will we be able to offer a time commitment of one counting session every 4 weeks.

We follow the counting principles of Gratitude, Confidentiality, Problem-solving, and Accuracy to guide our work. We are looking for three roles: a lead counter and two counters for this team.

Lead Counter: comfortable entering values into an excel spreadsheet template and e-mailing a report at the end of the counting session.

Counters: conducting a manual tally of cash and checks, using an adding machine. Time commitment – 60-90 minutes per counting session, once every 4 weeks, at a time that works for the three-person team and does not have to be on Sunday – can be during the week. Training for these positions will be provided. A computer is provided, the counting takes place in the church basement counter's office.

If you are looking for a nice way to do something in service to our church community, we welcome you. Please contact Kat Campbell Johnson with questions and to volunteer. katdcampbell@gmail.com or 763-464-7692.

In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following

persons: Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; George Oelfke; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; John Salvesson; Pariann Schenk; John Wall; 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; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Kristin Eklund-Johnson, Greg Eklund, Ryan Snelling, daughter, son, and friend of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Aimee Engebretson; Juls and Nel Clausen, friends of Darrell & Mary Golnitz; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; 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 Dobberpuhl, sisters of Eunice Hafemeister and aunts of Linda Hafemeister; Cat Robinette, friend of Emily Hellerich; Maribeth, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Kevin Lyndsley, former Mount Olive member; 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; 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 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; Rachel Wall, daughter of John Wall; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Rachel Wilkes, former wife of James Wilkes; Judy Bonnes, Tommie and Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount

At the death of: Berta Wick.

For those in hospice care: Evelyn Royce.

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.

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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