



# The Olive Branch

## SUNDAY READINGS

**Sunday, February 13**

*Sixth Sunday after  
Epiphany*

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

I Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

**Sunday, February 20**

*Seventh Sunday after  
Epiphany*

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

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

## Accent on Worship

*Pastor Joseph Crippen*

### *Picking healthy seats*

In my previous parish I had a running joke (taken from Psalm 1, next Sunday's psalm) with one of our venerable saints. She always sat in the front pew, center aisle. And I'd say I hoped it wasn't the "seat of the scornful" that she sat in, that close to the front. (OK, you probably had to be there to think it was funny. But we did.)

The psalmist makes an interesting contrast, though. Happy are those who don't sit in the seats of the scornful. Instead, they're trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit, with never-falling leaves.

I ponder where I'm sitting when I sing this psalm. Are you planted by streams of water, finding connections in your life to what feeds your spirit, your heart, helps you bear fruit? Or are you hanging with those who are scornful, who mock?

In a recent cartoon, the protagonist said out loud to people the same rude, scornful, hurtful things millions of people regularly post about others online. Somehow social media has taught people they can say anything they want, things they'd never dare say in person. Imagine our world if we let go of the easy ways people today are cynical and attacking and mocking and rude? To the psalmist, that means getting up from your seat and moving to a healthier place to live and be.

Sunday morning we'll gather again by streams of God's nourishing water, where God will fill us with life, even while challenging us to serve as Christ in this world. Happy are we, indeed.

In the name of Jesus,

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Wed., February 9**

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

**Thurs., February 10**

7 pm – Narcotics  
 Anonymous

**Fri., February 11**

7pm – Recovery Group

**Sat., February 12**

10 am – Book Discussion

**Sun., February 13**

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
 Epiphany*  
*9 am – Holy Eucharist*  
*11 am – Holy Eucharist*  
*(livestreamed)*

**Mon., February 14**

7 pm – Vestry meeting

**Tues., February 15**

Noon – Bible Study

**Wed., February 16**

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

## Help Needed!

Are you willing – **only once each year** - to help make dinner for residents of Our Saviour's Shelter?

Our Saviour's Shelter:

- is the ministry we've been praying for each Sunday in January;
- is the ministry with whom we have partnered in the mission of caring for the homeless;
- and is the ministry which serves our neighborhood on Chicago Avenue.

Mount Olive has served these dinners for more than a decade! If you would like to know more about what this project entails, or if you can help with this, please contact Elaine Halbardier by email to <mailto:ech914@comcast.net>.

## Attention Mount Olive Sunday Servants

The Servant Schedule for the 2nd quarter of 2022 (April – June) will be published at the beginning of March 2022. **The deadline for requests is February 11, 2022.** Please email your requests to [peggyrf70@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrf70@gmail.com).

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### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2

**Holy Eucharist at Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

Sign up using these links:

Noon Liturgy: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Noonash>

7:00 pm Liturgy: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/Ashevening>

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## Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month

**Walk-In Counseling Center** provides “free, easily accessible mental health counseling to people with urgent needs and few service options.” Counselors work with people struggling with depression, anxiety, chemical dependency, domestic violence, and many other emotional and interpersonal concerns. Walk-In Counseling is an active and vital part of our neighborhood, operating out of a beautifully converted house at 24<sup>th</sup> and Chicago. Through the pandemic, Walk-In has continued to provide their vital services through electronic means, protecting both the physical and mental health of their clients and staff.

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 pink offering envelopes or through 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 Walk-In Counseling, visit <https://walkin.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](http://NLCA.com).  
*Masks and proof of vaccination are required.*

## Benefit Concert

*with the Uptown Brass and David Cherwien*

**Sunday, February 27, 3:00 pm**

Saint Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church  
17205 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN

The Uptown Brass from the Minnesota Orchestra and renowned organist David Cherwien will present an eclectic and virtuosic program featuring songs of joy from all around the world.

This concert is in partnership with Circle Rock Concerts for Community, with proceeds supporting Mental Health Connect. Mental Health Connect provides resources, support, and education to improve access to mental health services. Vicki Elliott, Executive Director of Mental Health Connect, will be on hand to offer a few words about this important ministry.

The concert is free and open to the public – no tickets required. A free-will offering will be received, with a suggested donation of \$20 per person.

The Uptown Brass features Douglas Carlsen, trumpet; Charles Lazarus, trumpet; Michael Gast, horn; R. Douglas Wright, trombone; and Steven Campbell, tuba.

## 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](#).

## Circle of Welcome Update

The teams who are supporting our Afghan family have been working hard to welcome the family and prepare for the challenges ahead.

On January 31, one of the Food Team members dropped off a basket on behalf of the Mount Olive community -- pomegranates, apples, pears, avocados, and Minnesota-made chocolates. Many thanks to this team for continuing to extend a warm welcome from all of us!

The Mentor Team will hopefully have a chance to meet with the family soon. There are so many challenges our family will encounter – everything from how transportation here works to how to enroll children in school. We’re so grateful that this team has taken on this challenging work, and we look forward to hearing more about it from them.

The Mentor Team members are:

*Claudia Beck*

*Gerald Duncan*

*David Engen*

*Judy Hinck*

*Brad Holt*

*Patsy Holtmeier*

*Adam Krueger*

*Connie Marty*

*Susan Snow*



## The Fifteenth Annual Bach-Tage

After two years without gathering in person due to the Covid pandemic, we are planning an in-person Bach-Tage June 4/5, 2022. Full vaccination against COVID 19 will be required of all participants. Prevailing conditions later this spring will determine what other measures we may need to put in place for safety.

Over the two days, June 4 & 5, we will study, rehearse and perform Bach's Cantata #78, *Jesu, der du meine Seele*, as well as a beautiful setting of the *Magnificat* by Johann Pachelbel during the Service of Evening Prayer Sunday, June 5. Yes, this is the program planned for Bach-Tage 2020! At last, we will get to sing this wonderful music!

Conductor John Eliot Gardner declares the opening chorus of Cantata 78 an equal of the opening choruses of Bach's settings of the Passion "in terms of scale, intensity, and power of expression."

The Pachelbel Magnificat is an elegant choral setting of the canticle.

Kathy Salzmann Romey will again be our conductor, with the musicians of the Bach-Tage orchestra and vocal soloists.

Following rehearsals on Saturday afternoon June 4, a program titled "Trios!," featuring Heather Cogswell, soprano; David Ross, baroque flute; Tulio Rondón, cello, piccolo cello and gamba; Marc Levine, violin; and Tami Morse, harpsichord will be presented.

Plan to attend. More information will be coming your way this spring. But put the dates on your calendar now!



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## 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; John Salveson; 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; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; 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; 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; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meuret; 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; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, friend 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; Julius Underwood, grandson of James Wilkes; Judy Bonnes, Tommie and Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

**For those in hospice care:** Evelyn Royce; Zandra Cote, relative of Jan & Jim Harbaugh.

**At the death of:** Ray Schoenfield, brother-in-law of Marilyn Gebauer.

**Of thanksgiving at the birth of a child:** a daughter, Annika Joy Beilke, daughter of Andy & Jenny (Brown) Beilke.

**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 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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