



The Olive Branch

June 8, 2022

Accent on Worship *Pastor Joseph Crippen*

When I consider . . .

“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?”

So we sing with the psalmist this Sunday. Summer nights are nights where we can comfortably walk out in the darkness and consider the heavens. And wonder: how does a God who can make all these even know me, let alone care for me?

In the celebration of the Holy Trinity we will have this Sunday, the important thing is not that we understand God’s complexity and deepest reality. We barely scratch the surface, and as Augustine said, “if you understood God, it would not be God.”

But Christ Jesus, raised from the dead by the Father and sending the Spirit into your heart and life says that you are part of this God, joined into the Triune life. The God who created all things, including the stars, loves you, comes to you in the Spirit, gives peace with God through Christ, pours love into your heart. And not just you: all God’s children, the humanity on this planet set here to care for this place.

Consider that, while you’re looking at the stars tonight. You might want to sit down first.

June 12, 2022
The Holy Trinity
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

July 19, 2022
*2nd Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 12 C*
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39



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Confirmed in Faith

Confirmed at liturgy on the Day of Pentecost, this past Sunday, June 5, were *Audrey Crippen, Ioy Treitler, Austin Crosby, and Sedona Crosby.*

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am at church. All readers are welcome!

On June 11, they will discuss *Little Fires Everywhere*, by Celeste Ng. On July 9, they will discuss *The Unseen*, by Roy Jacobsen.

All readers welcome!

Calendar

Wednesday, February 27 June 8

10:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, June 9

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 10

7:00 pm Recovery group

Saturday, June 11

9:00 am Gardening Day
10:00 am Book Discussion group

~~9:00 am — Neighborhood Ministries meeting~~

~~Noon — Community Meal~~

~~1:00 pm — Prayer Shawl group meets at Blue Ox~~

Sunday, June 12 3 — The Holy Trinity

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*, followed by coffee & conversation
11:15 am Adult Forum: "Understanding the Meaning of Juneteenth"

Monday, June 13

6:00 pm Vestry orientation and meeting

~~Friday, February 22~~

~~5:00 pm — Jobs After School~~

~~Saturday, February 23~~

~~10:00 am — Confirmation~~

~~Sunday, February 24 — Second Sunday in Lent~~

~~8:00 am — Holy Eucharist~~

~~9:30 am — Church School/Adult Forum~~

~~10:45 am — Holy Eucharist~~

~~5:00 pm — Jobs After School~~

Tuesday, June 14

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, June 15

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Children's Choirs coming in the fall

Our young are not just the "church of tomorrow" – they, too, are part of the church today! This coming fall, as a part of our comprehensive plans for our young, we will launch in-person children's choir school, AND for families with children aged 0 through kindergarten, Mount Olive Family Music time (online), Mondays at 5:30 pm.

On Wednesdays, we will offer a prepared meal for the young AND their parents at 5:30 pm, followed by Choir from 6:00 – 6:45 with two groups rehearsing simultaneously:

Grades 1-3, led by Mari Espeland

Grades 4-whatever!, led by Rebekah Schultz

Each of these will periodically participate in Sunday morning liturgies.

Cantorei will rehearse from 7 to 8:45, led by Cantor Cherwien.

Watch for more details in late summer – but for now, mark your calendars!

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



It takes a village to make a village look good ---

A new tree!

Thanks to friends of Mount Olive, we have a new tree on the north side of the Parish House door. It is an exquisite Hakura Nishiki Dappled Willow that will grow to between five and six feet high and five to seven feet wide. This wonderful addition to our landscape is planted in memory of Nate Babcock. His partner, Don Ogren, is pictured next to the tree after it was planted last week.

Thanks to the garden crew!

A dedicated contingent of gardeners worked on May 28 to change the gardens around the church from spring to summer. This involved digging up and distributing hundreds of red tulips bulbs and planting Big Whooper Begonia's in their place. The crew also planted the large pots by the main entrance to the church, moved a bush, changed the light bulbs in the church sign, and fixed the railing on the south steps that was loose. The tulip bulbs were distributed to several neighbors, so you just might see them next year in their yards. Thanks to the May 28 crew: *Art and Elaine Halbardier, Margaret Gohman, Walt Hinck, Larry Duncan, Brent Rivard, Howard Rivard, and Andrew Andersen.* Reminder: all ages and skill levels are welcome to join this loyal group of volunteers. The next Saturday morning workday is June 11 at 9:00 am.

Our new residents

On Thursday, May 26, Mount Olive became home to a colony of honeybees! Beekeeper Andy provides comb honey for several local restaurants and coffee shops, and stopped by looking for a South Minneapolis location to put a colony of bees. Their home is tucked in a discreet corner outside the Nave, across from our pollinator garden.







News From the Neighborhood

Neighborhood Ministry Cookout Canceled for this Month

The Neighborhood Ministry Committee has decided to cancel this month's neighborhood ministry cookout, originally scheduled for this Sunday, June 12. There was simply too much on the calendar at Mount Olive and in the lives of leadership to make it happen this month.

You are still invited to join us for a special Adult Forum, "Understanding the Meaning of Juneteenth," after the Sunday morning liturgy, starting at approximately 11:15 a.m. The cookouts scheduled for July 24 and August 21 will still be happening. Thank you for your understanding.

Understanding the Meaning of Juneteenth

In his sermon on May 15, Pastor Crippen delivered a message that invited us to look again at the meaning of Peter's vision as found in Acts 11. The challenge of God's vision to Peter and the heart of Pastor's sermon was this: We must examine ourselves for how we have limited what it means to be part of the family of God. Are we - intentionally or not - causing others to question if they belong? This challenge continues to be the question Mount Olive is asking itself.

As part of this journey, we will be learning about a federal holiday that came into official existence a year ago, but one which has been celebrated in the African American community for over 150 years. On June 12, 2021, President Biden signed into law Senate Bill 475 (S.475) making "Juneteenth" a federal holiday. Known as this country's "second Independence Day" to our black brothers and sisters, the holiday celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the United States at the end of the Civil War.

This Sunday, June 12, a special adult forum will be held following 10:00 a.m. worship where we will explore the meaning of this holiday as to its origins and importance to the black community. We will also look at this holiday from the perspective of liberation and Mount Olive's working for justice for all people. Resources will be provided where local events are being held to honor this remarkable and long-overlooked day of celebration. We hope you will join us for coffee and conversation.

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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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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