



The Olive Branch

September 21, 2022

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Sunday Readings

September 25, 2022

*16th Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 26 C*

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

October 2, 2022

*17th Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 27 C*

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

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

Trust Whom?

We sing with the psalmist on Sunday, “put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.”

We don’t need that reminder these days. It’s difficult to find leaders we can trust. So many seem to be seeking office just for the power, and many don’t seem to care what most people in this country value and hope for from their government.

The psalmist urges that instead of trusting earthly rulers we trust the God who made the heavens and the earth, the seas, the God who keeps promises forever, the God who gives justice to those who are oppressed, who cares for the poor, the hungry, the stranger. Amen, we say.

And yet, the psalmist never envisioned this: we have a say in whom we elect. And that’s tremendously important in this approaching mid-term election.

So, let’s trust God for our lives, for this world. Let us trust in the God revealed in Christ Jesus, who offers God’s own life for the sake of bringing the creation into justice, mercy and love. Let us trust the God who does all those wonderful things the psalmist celebrates.

But let us also vote. Let us vote for leaders worthy of the public’s trust, leaders who care about the same people God does – the poor, the oppressed, the stranger, the orphan, the hungry. If we sing on Sunday that God cares for all of these, surely we can also remember that God will exercise that care through those we elect to lead us. And we have a say in that.

September Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month

Simpson Housing

Simpson Housing is a multifaceted organization, providing an emergency shelter, single adult supportive housing, and family supportive housing across the Twin Cities metro area. They provide along with developmental and educational services for children of families in their family shelter program and “work across the metro area partnering with landlords and developers to find sustainable housing for families and individuals.” In addition, Simpson operates the Adult Shelter Connect program for the City of Minneapolis, providing a single point of contact for those seeking shelter in the city.

In 2020, Simpson began the process of raising funds to rebuild their shelter and office building to become the Simpson Community Shelter and Apartments. “Plans for the [new] five-story facility include two floors of permanent supportive housing (42 efficiency units), two floors of emergency shelter (70 beds), a commercial kitchen capable of serving 100 people, a 24-hour front desk, and offices and clinic space...”. They expect to begin construction in late 2022 or early 2023.

For more information about Simpson Housing, please visit their website at www.simpsonhousing.org.

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.](#)

Book Discussion

For its October 8 meeting, the Book Discussion group will read the trilogy *The Forsyte Saga*, by John Galsworthy, and on November 12 they will read *Matrix*, by Lauren Groff. The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am at church. All readers are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars for these October Activities!

- **Sunday, October 2, 2:00 pm** – Blessing of Animals
- **Sunday, Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m.** – Proposed (for 2023) Budget Review Meeting
- **Sunday, Oct. 16, 4:00 pm** – Mount Olive Music & Fine Arts presents Consortium Carissimi
- **Sunday, October 30, Noon** – Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting: (followed by luncheon)

Calendar

Wednesday, September 21

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, September 22

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 23

- 7:00 pm Recovery group

9:00 am — Neighborhood Ministries meeting

Noon — Community Meal

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

Sunday, September 25 3– 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
12:30 pm Y1 Confirmation

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, September 27

- Noon Bible Study
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, September 28

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Missing Someone?

It's a frequent joke among church-going people that we like to sit in the same area of the church every Sunday - and sometimes in the same pew. So it wouldn't be unusual for us to notice that someone is missing from our area/ pew - or from Coffee Hour - on Sunday morning. Perhaps we wonder where that person is - are they ill? Are they traveling? What is it that's keeping them from joining us for worship on Sunday morning? If you notice that someone from our Mount Olive community is missing, please feel empowered to reach out to them through a call, an email, or letter. If you need contact information, you can call the church office. Of course, some of us are shy Lutherans, and we'd prefer that someone else make that contact. That's okay - just call the office or email conglife@mountolivechurch.org, and someone will reach out.

We are all the eyes and ears of the congregation, and the staff and the leadership depends on you to keep us informed of those who might otherwise fall through the cracks. Thanks!

Thanks to the cleaning crew!

Many thanks to Katherine Hanson, Joy and Stephanie Obadiaru, Bonnie McLellan, and Beth Gaede, who cleaned our chancel, transepts, and narthex. Our worship space has a special glow now.

Join Us in Supporting Flood Victims

Your Global Ministry committee has authorized \$500 to

Adult Education

Upcoming Sunday Adult Forums (9:30 am in the Chapel Lounge)

Sept. 18/25: Learning to Live Non-Violently after Leaving the Military - Five years ago, Mount Olive member Al Bostelmann was invited along with five others from the Minneapolis Synod to the ELCA headquarters for a 'Day of Discernment' Church leaders as well as members of the military discussed and debated issues of war and peace. Based on his 40 years of metanoia, his own development as a person of faith and rich experiences, Al will explore with us the history of Christianity regarding violence and non-violence as it relates to recent police and school shootings and the current efforts of civilians to weaponize households. Most importantly, we will explore and discuss nonviolence training as an answer to these problems.

Oct. 2: Being a Faithful Voter - Your Global Ministry Committee will lead a discussion about what it might mean to be a faithful voter this fall. We will be using the guide offered by Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, and we hope to have responses to our questions from representative, senator, and governor candidates. We will focus on four issues: climate justice, immigration policy, racial justice, and health care.

Adult Education Opportunity:

Readings and Conversations about the Feminine Divine

Join us for a series of nine monthly conversations on the Feminine Divine beginning Tues., Oct. 25. The time will be mutually determined once we know who is interested. As the basis for our conversations, we will read selections from two texts, then gather once a month for two hours; the first hour to discuss the readings and the second hour to explore how God's spirit is moving us in response to them.

All who identify as men, women or non-binary are most welcome.

The books we will use are:

She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse, by Elizabeth Johnson

Transformative Lutheran Theologies: Feminist, Womanist, and Mujerista Perspectives, edited by Mary Streufert

The texts run just under \$50 total. **Scholarships are available if purchasing the texts is a hardship.** We encourage you to ask for one if the cost prevents you from being part of this event.

Currently the meeting dates are:

Fall: October 25; November 22; December 20

Winter: January 24; February 21; March (TBD)

Spring: April 18; May 23; June 20

Our discussion leader is Teresa Rothausen. Teresa has been attending Mount Olive for many years and holds a Ph.D. in human resources / industrial relations from the University of Minnesota, a B.A. with honors in economics from St. Olaf College, and a C.P.A. She is certified in diversity, equity, and inclusion by The MultiCultural Institute in Washington D.C., holds a graduate certificate in spiritual direction from St. Catherine University, where she is a candidate for the M.A. in Theology (expected December 2022), and did post-doctoral work on spiritual development in leaders at Harvard Divinity School, where she is an MDiv candidate.

If you are interested, please respond by September 30 at teresa@wiserwilderleadership.com. This will give us the necessary time to acquire books and complete the first reading by October 25.

Treats Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

We in need of folks to sign up to supply treats for Sunday morning coffee hour after worship. You don't have to make coffee - our wonderful Sexton, Jose, does that and he even washes the dishes afterwards! What's needed are treats - and store-bought cookies are just fine! It doesn't need to be fancy! Your job would be to bring the treats, arrange them on our platters/plates, and put them out for people to take.

Look for the sign-up near the coffee line in the East Assembly Room, or call the office to get your name and date in.

Questions? Contact Lora at conglife@mountolivechurch.org.



Thanks to Donn McLellan for refreshing stain and revarnishing the church doors this summer! Great job, Donn!

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

If you didn't get a chance to write your Letter for the Bread for the World Offering of Letters, you can still do so. Information is on the kiosk, or you can easily send a message online at tinyurl.com/3yzxfe85.



Notes from the Cantor

Music and Fine Arts 2022-2023 Series

A varied and interesting series of events is planned for the Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts Series this year! It begins with a concert of early music with Consortium Carissimi on October 16, 4:00. A full list of concerts is on Mount Olive's website (www.mountolivechurch.org). A table will be set up for one more Sunday (September 25) to receive donations for your ongoing support of this series. This support allows Mount Olive to offer these concerts free of charge. Your partnership in support is greatly appreciated!

Mount Olive Cantorei

The Cantorei has resumed rehearsals and participation in Sunday liturgies. Any and all interested singers are encouraged to sing with us! There are no auditions or requirements beyond the time involved. Contact Cantor Cherwien for more information, or simply come! Cantorei meets Wednesday evenings at 7 pm.

Walk for Hope

Common Hope in Guatemala is one of Mount Olive's supported missions.

Common Hope's Walk For Hope keeps kids learning by raising funds to provide

essential academic support like tutoring and homework help for students in Guatemala. Only 2 in 10 children in Guatemala graduate high school. Over half of the population lives in poverty; so many families must sacrifice education to provide other basic needs. Common Hope is fighting poverty with diplomas, helping students reach high school graduation.

This year, Mark and Lisa Ruff will be doing the Walk for Hope in Guatemala on September 22.

They are part of the Board of Directors' team and will be in Guatemala for the Executive Board meeting. They have been involved with Common Hope for over 25 years and Mark is the current Chair of the Board. If you would like to donate to the Walk for Hope, please do so at this link:

<https://give.commonhope.org/fundraiser/4095345>





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; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Pat Spaulding; James Wilkes; Gerry Coleman, friend of Jim Bargmann; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Marilyn Volker, sister of Allen Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; 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; Cat Robinette, friend of Emily Hellerich; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Michael Uthe, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Louis Krohnfeldt, former member of Mount Olive; Kevin Lyndsley, former Mount Olive member; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson and Harper Linquist, relatives of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meurett; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Tim Gaudineer, relative of George & Marlys Oelfke; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Steve Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Vince DeLusia and Chris Hoff, friend and cousin 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; Pat Faunce, friend of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, friend of Mount Olive.

In hospice care: Lillian Olson; John Salveson.

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.

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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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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