



The Olive Branch

October 19, 2022

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Home

We sing about being in God’s home next Sunday in Psalm 84. Living in God’s house. “How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! Happy are they who dwell in your house!”

We know that joy of gathering in the house of God each week and meet the God who loves us and the whole creation. One of the beautiful things about the people of Mount Olive that is so noticeable is that you simply expect to meet God in worship. You come and believe that God will be there. Trust that God will feed you, guide you, fill you with the Spirit for your life and service. This is God’s house, and you come knowing you will be with God here. How dear, indeed, is God’s dwelling to us!

But God’s house is bigger than our nave. In the Revelation, John says the home of God is among mortals, creatures, people and animals. In John 1 the evangelist promises that the Triune God who made all things has come to live with us, with you. To sojourn here. Make a home here. That means God’s home is where you are.

Ponder that joy: wherever you are, you are in God’s house, and God is with you. There is nowhere you can go where God is not, another psalm, 139, promises. What might it mean if you expected God would show up in your life, the way you know and expect God shows up in our worship? If you saw wherever you were as the house of God, the place where God will embrace and bless you?

That’s your promise, dear ones. Look for God, right now. Because God is living with you and all God’s children, always. Happy are they who know this!

Sunday Readings

October 23, 2022
20th Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 30 C
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2022
21st Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 31 C
Reformation Sunday
Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,
11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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

October Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month: Central Lutheran Restoration Center

Central Lutheran Restoration center is an integral part of the ministry at one of our sister congregations. The Restoration Center provides a welcoming place for people in downtown Minneapolis experiencing homelessness and economic insecurity. Those who come to the Restoration Center find a place of hospitality and welcome where they can find emergency rental assistance, employment services, clothing, meals, free-use computers, and basic health care services.

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 the Central Lutheran Restoration Center, please visit their website at <https://www.centralmpls.org/community/restorationcenter>

The National Lutheran Choir's All Saints Concerts

Live Concerts: "Life Changed, not Taken Away"

Through our annual All Saints Program, we will honor those who have passed while recognizing our past, present, and future journeys. This program will feature John Rutter's iconic work, *Requiem*, along with hymns, candles, and the reading of names of our new saints.

Friday, November 4 - 7:30pm: St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN

Sunday, November 6 - 4:00pm: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

Adults and seniors: \$33 | Students (with valid ID): Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free
Visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) to purchase tickets or learn more.

Virtual Program: "The Journey Home"

This program will feature selections from NLC's 1995 recording, *Soul*, with soloist Tom Tipton including Edward Bairstow's "I Sat Down Under His Shadow," David Mennicke's arrangement of "Down in the River to Pray," Charles Stanford's "Beati Quorum Via," and others - highlighting the spiritual connection between heaven and earth, and the hope this connection brings all of humanity.

Available to all beginning Saturday, November 5. Watch at [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com).

Calendar

Wednesday, October 19

10:00 am Staff Meeting

No Children's Choir this week

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 21

7:00 pm Recovery group

Sunday, October 23 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation

9:30 am Education hour for all ages

10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation

12:30 pm Bipes family hymn sing
Leipzig/MAS Synod Signing ceremony

Monday, October 24

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online)

Tuesday, October 25

Noon Bible Study

6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee

6:30 pm Feminine Divine Study group

Wednesday, October 26

10:00 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Children's Choir supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

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 November 12 meeting The Book Discussion group will read *Matrix*, by Lauren Groff, and for December 10, *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, by Robert Dugoni.

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

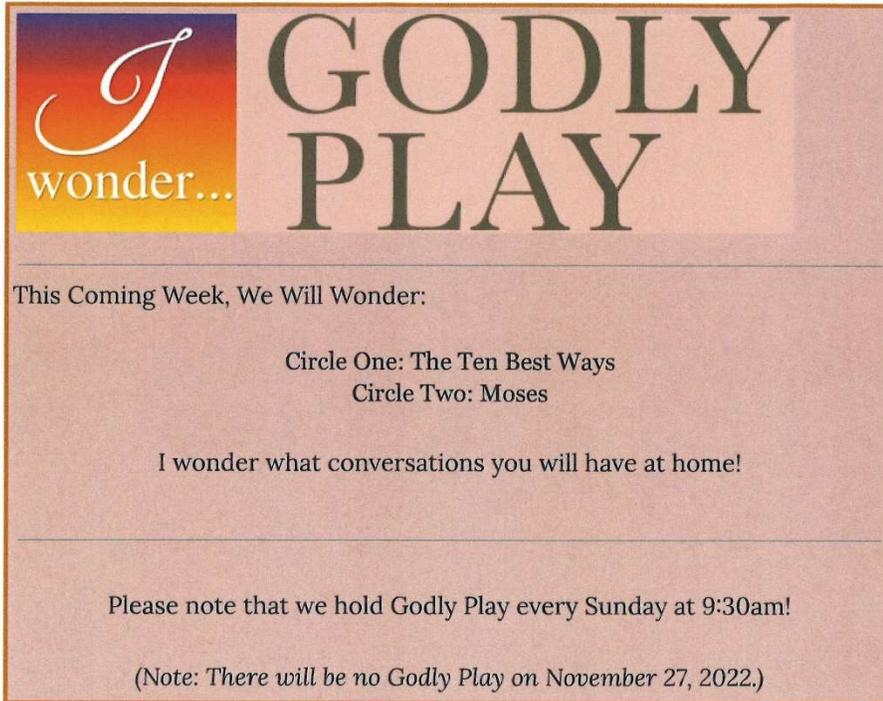
Mount Olive Octoberfest

Sunday, October 30, following the Congregation Meeting
in the Undercroft

Brats, Beer, and all the fixins'

Go to the following link to sign up to bring German Potato Salad,
Bars, or to help in the kitchen!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AAFAF2FABF49-octoberfest>



I wonder... **GODLY PLAY**

This Coming Week, We Will Wonder:

Circle One: The Ten Best Ways
Circle Two: Moses

I wonder what conversations you will have at home!

Please note that we hold Godly Play every Sunday at 9:30am!

(Note: There will be no Godly Play on November 27, 2022.)

**Semi-annual
Congregation
Meeting to be Held
October 30**

The semi-annual meeting of Mount Olive congregation will be held on Sunday, October 30, following the second liturgy. The primary purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for 2023.

Plan to stay for **Octoberfest** following the meeting!

Adult Education

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

Oct. 23: "Faith Development for the Youngest in our Community," presented by Jim Bargmann, Coordinator of Mount Olive Neighborhood Ministry - There is an overwhelming amount of information available to parents and grandparent about raising children. From medical professionals to psychologists to educators, there is no shortage of research, advise, and recommendations. But what about faith development? Jesus himself lauds a "child-like faith," but what does that mean? Part of our Lutheran theology and practice is the baptism of babies, but why? Combining information from research in the scientific fields of psychology and medicine with our understanding of faith practices, this Forum will provide an opportunity to learn not only about the foundations of childhood faith but also very practical activities all of whom care about the children in our community can do on a regular basis to encourage parents and support faith development in the youngest among us.

Oct. 30: "The Foundations for our Work in the Neighborhood," presented by Jim Bargmann, Coordinator of Mount Olive Neighborhood Ministry - The concrete examples of what we do in our community are well known - diapers, food, bus cards, laundry, rent support and more. But why do we do what we do? What are the Biblical and theological foundations for our work in the neighborhood? What teachings inform our decision making about how we go about our work and what we do? These are challenging questions - but so important to our work and the focus of that work. Join us to learn more about where we find our motivation for our work and how we make decisions about what work we do from a faith perspective.

SAVE THE DATE AND LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE! JOIN US FOR...

*Trust Inc's "Starlight
Gala & Silent Auction"*

November 04, 2022
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
\$30.00/person

**St John's
Episcopal Church**

**4201 Sheridan Avenue S.
Minneapolis MN 55410**
a mobility-friendly facility

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 6, worshippers are invited to submit the names of loved ones close to them who have died in the past year, since last All Saints Sunday, who weren't members of Mount Olive. (Members of the parish who have died are always named.)

For those who attend worship in the coming weeks, a book is located at the entrance to the nave where you can write these names. You may also contact the church office with the names. These other names submitted will be included in the prayers of intercession.

Please keep this to just those who have died this past year, so we can have a more manageable list.



Signing Ceremony - All Invited!

This Sunday, October 23, Mount Olive will host a signing ceremony to formalize a partnership agreement between the Leipzig Synod of The Lutheran Church, and the Minneapolis Area Synod. Guests in worship and for the ceremony will include Leipzig Superintendent Sebastian Feyte and Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Anne Svenningsen. A brief signing ceremony will immediately follow the 10:45 worship service, and all are invited to stay. Please consider staying to witness this partnership event. You are also invited to join the Bipes family for a hymn sing immediately after.

New members to be Received November 13

New members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, November 13, at the 10:45 liturgy. If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive, please speak with Pr. Crippen, Vicar Hamre, Eric Manuel (evangelism@mountolivechurch.org), or contact the church office.

Come sing with us – This Sunday!

The Bipes family will gather during the fourth weekend of October to celebrate and give thanks for the good health enjoyed by all six siblings. From youngest to oldest, a span almost 20 years! The conclusion of our time together will be worship at the 10:45 liturgy this Sunday, October 23. For as long as I can remember, whenever our family would gather, the event would usually conclude with hymn singing. We would like to include our Mount Olive siblings in this as well. So after coffee, please come back to the nave and join the Bipes family and Cantor Cherwien in the balcony (or the nave if we need the space) for some singing. We simply take turns calling out hymn numbers, the person choosing might suggest certain verses, or which ones are sung in harmony, organ solo etc. It's always fun and hard to quit!

Hope you will join us.

- Al Bipes



Jose and Maria scrubbing the roof clean, so it's as spotless as the rest of the building these days!!!

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Sunday Eucharists: 8 & 10:45 am

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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