



The Olive Branch

November 2, 2022

Accent on Worship

Jim Bargmann

Sunday Readings

November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 13, 2022

*23rd Sunday after
Pentecost, Lect. 33 C*

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

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

For much of my life, I have resisted the idea of a “favorite Bible passage,” recognizing that, at least for me, the passages that resonate with me have often changed over time because of the particular circumstances of life - the particular joys or challenges I am facing in my life at the time. However, a section from this week’s Second Reading from Ephesians is one that seems to continually connect over time. There are so many powerful phrases, especially in verses 17 to 21.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God ...

Wisdom was the gift given by God to Solomon in his similar prayer, allowing him to act as a just and wise leader of God’s people. Revelation, rather than simply being the name of a book of the Bible, means simply that - a revealing - a revealing of God’s work. To me, this pray-er is asking for wisdom to act upon what God reveals as their “good and gracious will,” God’s own action in the world and how we might connect to that work.

...so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints...

This almost stands on its own - further illuminating the goal of the prayer for wisdom. This is the stated hope of that prayer.... enlightenment, recognition of hope in God’s call, and an understanding of the riches of God given to us and all saints of all times and places.

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...and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. God put this power to work in Christ in raising him from the dead and seated Christ at God's right hand in the heavenly places...

So God's immeasurably great power is for who? Us? And the very same power used to raise Christ from the dead and establish God's reign is the same power at work in our lives? That is almost incomprehensible to me, yet unbelievably comforting and encouraging - that the very same power God used when bringing Jesus back from the dead and establishing God's own reign is at work within ... Who? Me? For what purpose? And for me, that is where this powerful passage comes full circle. It is in the prayer for wisdom and revelation that we come to know what we are to do, empowered by the very God who raised Jesus from the dead and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the very "saints of all times and places."

Let us surround one another as we seek God's own wisdom, knowing that we are also promised God's great power will be at work within us.

- Jim Bargmann

Join Align Minneapolis for our November Lunch & Learn

Align Minneapolis is a dynamic organization comprised of 17 congregations working together to end homelessness. Align hosts regular educational events to share how we can all learn and advocate to end homelessness in our community, including something called Lunch & Learn. Mount Olive will be hosting the November Lunch & Learn on Wednesday November 9th, 1:00-2:30 pm. Our conversation will focus on Street Voices of Change, a group comprised of those with lived experience of homelessness who are active in advocacy and crafting policy to challenge the systems that create poverty and homelessness in our area.

The gathering will be held in a hybrid format, in-person at Mount Olive or via Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86237914988?pwd=QW5qNUhMQIR0L215OERTd11KOWIYdz09>.

Lunch will be provided for those attending in-person.

To register, email Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry Jim Bargmann at neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org.

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy this 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.

Calendar

Wednesday, November 2

- 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, November 3

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, November 4

- 7:00 pm Recovery group

Sunday, November 6 - All Saints Sunday

- 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 Y1 Confirmation

Monday, November 7

- 5:30 pm Family Music Time

Tuesday, November 8

- Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, November 9

- 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!

Calling all Communicators!

Do you like to write letters, cards, or emails? Make phone calls? Congregational Life is offering an opportunity to keep our homebound members connected to the congregation through occasional communication with other members. You would be given the name and contact info for one or two people, and asked to contact them via email, phone, or letter at least once per week. More training on what to do will be provided. If you're able to participate in this ministry of connection, please email conglife@mountolivechurch.org, or all the church office. Thank you.



**GODLY
PLAY**

This Coming Week, We Will Wonder:

Circle One: The Temple, A House of God
Circle Two: Introduction to the Communion of Saints

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.)

Attention Worship Participants!

The Mount Olive Servant Schedule for first quarter 2023 (January - March) will be published at the beginning of December 2022.

The deadline for requests is November 11, 2022.

Please email requests to peggyrf70@gmail.com.

Adult Education

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

November 6, 13, and 20: *"The Year of Matthew's Gospel,"* presented by Pastor Crippen - November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year. This year we return to Series A with its focus on Matthew's Gospel. Pastor Crippen will present for three Sundays on the Matthean gospel, and themes found there.

Save the Date!

A guided tour of the Minneapolis Institute of Art's permanent collection of Native American Art will be offered to Mount Olive Members on Sunday, December 4. We'll gather for lunch first and then head over to MIA for the tour. Cost is \$10/person. If the cost is prohibitive for you, speak with Pastor Crippen or Vicar Hamre.

All are welcome! More info, including how to sign up, will follow.

November Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month: *Restorative Justice Community Action*

Restorative Justice Community Action (RJCA) provides a community-based alternative to criminal prosecution with the mission of fostering individual growth while strengthening communities through restorative justice practices. With a restorative and race equity lens, RJCA leverages the voice of community to transform the criminal legal system, public safety, and eliminate racial disparities. The indigenous roots of restorative justice focus on transformation of people, relationships, and community. In honoring these roots, RJCA humanizes conflict and supports community in finding shared solutions.

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 Restorative Justice Community Action, please visit their website at www.rjca-inc.org or contact Cynthia Prosek, Executive Director and Mount Olive Member.

Water is Life: The Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society *Friday-Saturday, November 11-12* *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis*

The Johnson Symposium on Faith and Society is an annual event in which a leading theologian, scholar, and/or practitioner leads conversations over a two-day period on important issues facing the church and society today. This year's conference presenters are Winona LaDuke, an Anishunaabekwe (Ojibway) fighter for climate justice, indigenous and human rights and climate justice, alternative energy, and clean water, and Professor Diane Jacobson, professor emerita of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, who serves on both twin cities synods Care of Creation workgroup, and the leadership team of the NE Synod EcoFaith Network.

For more information and/or to register for the conference, visit <https://htlcmpls.org/johnson-symposium/>

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).

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist Thursday, November 24, 10:00 a.m.

Bring non-perishable food items to help re-stock local food shelves. Monetary donations are especially welcome (for every \$1 donated, food shelf personnel are able to buy about \$9 worth of food!)

As has been our custom for a number of years, the entire offering received at the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day will be divided between Sabbathani Community Center and Community Emergency Services food shelves.

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 (<mailto:evangelism@mountolivechurch.org>), or contact the church office.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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