



# The Olive Branch

November 9, 2022

## Accent on Worship *Vicar Mollie Hamre*

### Sunday Readings

**November 13, 2022**

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost, Lect. 33 C*

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

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**November 20, 2022**

*Reign of Christ*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

The Psalm for this Sunday praises God as the judge of the world. At first glance, that may not feel comforting, because we are imperfect people. Judging involves others making opinions or conclusions, yet, this Psalmist, as well as all of creation, embraces it rejoicing. The Psalmist proclaims being thankful for a God who judges.

*4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

*5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

*6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.*

*7 Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the world and those who live in it.*

*8 Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy*

*9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.*

*He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.*

What if we rejoiced with creation, knowing that the God we worship judges with righteousness and equity? Not the kind that rejects or condemns, but one that leads with love. A love that embraces us in the presence of God active in the world. A love that is so marvelous, even the seas and hills, can not help but join in.

What would happen as individuals, and as a community, if this kind of joyful noise was embraced? If we held each other, living into God's praiseworthy reign of all prospering, rejoicing, and being loved? Singing to the Lord a new song for the world.

As we live in a week of elections, conflicting opinions, and judgment, may you walk through your week holding that you are held by the steadfast love of God. Thanks be to God.

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

## Calendar

### 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

### Thursday, November 10

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, November 11

- 5:30 pm Hafemeister/Lazarus wedding rehearsal  
7:00 pm Recovery group

### Saturday, November 12

- 10:00 am Book Discussion group  
3:00 pm Hafemeister/Lazarus wedding

### Sunday, November 13 – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, with Reception of New Members*, followed by coffee & conversation  
Noon Education Committee meeting

### Monday, November 14

- 5:30 pm Family Music Time  
7:00 pm Vestry meeting

### Tuesday, November 15

- Noon Bible Study  
6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee mt.

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## 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](mailto:conglife@mountolivechurch.org), or all the church office. Thank you.



**GODLY  
PLAY**

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This Coming Week, We Will Wonder:

Circle One: The Exile & The Return  
Circle Two: The Exodus

I wonder what conversations you will have at home!

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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 (this Friday).

Please email requests to [peggyrf70@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrf70@gmail.com).

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## 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.

**November 27:** No Adult Forum (Thanksgiving weekend)

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## 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](http://www.rjca-inc.org) or contact Cynthia Prosek, Executive Director and Mount Olive Member.

***Mount Olive Music & Fine Arts***

*presents*

***Advent Procession Service***

**Sunday, November 27, 2022 – 4:00 pm**

*Mount Olive Cantorei; David Cherwien, organist and director*

Mark the season with a solemn procession and a series of lessons and carols for Advent. Candles, incense, and beautiful music help draw all into this season of hope in the darkest time of the year.

## The National Lutheran Choir's Christmas Festival

*Jesus Christ: Yesterday, Today, Forever*

In the two thousand years since Jesus' birth, humans in every era have considered what this birth meant for them. Even now, this meaning continues to evolve in our lives. This year's Christmas Festival will draw literature and poetry from the past 20 years of David Cherwien's Christmas programming and its musical embodiment of the Incarnation. Numerous carols, choir music of the season, and a thundering organ will present some of our most beloved selections. As we evolve, one thing has remained the same and will go on forever: Jesus Christ was born and God is with us. Always and forever.

Join us in December to see this Christmas Festival at the magnificent Basilica of Saint Mary!

### *Live Concerts*

**Friday, Dec. 9 - 4:30pm and 8pm** at The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

**Saturday, Dec. 10th - 8pm** at The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis

Adults and seniors: \$33 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free

### *Livestream*

**Friday, Dec. 9 - 8pm**

Free to all | Visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) to watch!

For tickets and more information, visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) or call 612-722-2301.

## 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 This Sunday, November 13

New members will be received into the congregation **this Sunday, November 13**. 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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### **Sunday Eucharists: 8 & 10:45 am**

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#### **Staff**

Pastor – *Joseph Crippen*

Cantor – *David Cherwien*

Vicar – *Mollie Hamre*

Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry –  
*Jim Bargmann*

Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

Sexton – *Jose Morocho*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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