



The Olive Branch

June 7, 2023

Sunday Readings

June 11, 2023

*2nd Sunday after Pentecost,
Lect. 10 A*

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18, 2023

*3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lect. 11 A*

Exodus 9:2-8a

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35 – 10:23

Accent on Worship

Vicar Mollie Hamre

“Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?”

I love this question. After God states connection and protection over all of God’s creation in the Psalm, the question almost feels funny. “Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?”

After all this time speaking about being in relationship with God’s people, do you think something as small as God’s hunger would have to be satisfied in order to be loved? Do you think something that small would change how God already calls you? Already loves you? The Psalmist is stating that God’s relationship with us is not influenced by us.

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. Call upon me on the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.” Our relationship with God is not transactional or conditional. You are loved as you are. Although sometimes it is difficult to wrap our heads around being loved without terms and conditions, it is truly that simple.

“I am God, your God.” The Triune God does not have requirements for you. God hopes that *because* you are deeply loved, you will be transformed by loving one another and caring for each other. God knows you will not be perfect and will mess up. And in those times, has continued mercy and grace to call you back into relationship.

It's a Girl!

Our friend Anita Mohammadi delivered a baby girl on May 24!

Since the family is Muslim and keeps a halal diet, we'd like to invite you to help the family by providing a "new baby meal" with a gift card from one of the area halal restaurants. Here are some suggestions: Curry in a Hurry uses Bite Squad for their delivery and gifts--<https://www.curryinahurrymn.com>; Holy Land Deli--<https://holylandbrand.com/gift-certificates/>; any other Afghan restaurant. The family will then order and pick up their meals. Anita's email is anitamohammadi209@gmail.com. You may contact the mentor team with any questions at global@mountolivechurch.org.

Help us welcome this new American to the family.

Congratulations to our Graduates! We're Proud of You!

Graduating from high school

Tic Treitler: St. Paul Conservatory of Fine Arts. Tic will attend the U of M's Guthrie Theatre program

Audrey Crippen graduated from John F. Kennedy High School and will attend the university of Wisconsin/Madison for Engineering

Shephard Sorenson graduated from Wayzata High School

Graduating from college

Zoe Parish (graduated from St. Olaf)

Receiving Master's Degrees

Teresa Rothausen (Theology)

Rebecca Wold Defries (Family Therapy and Counseling)

Bekah Schulz (Special Education)

Rachel Crippen (Public Policy)

The Olive Branch Summer Publication

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published every other week. Deadline for the next issue is **Monday, June 19.**

A Note from Leif

Dear Mount Olive,
Thank you for hosting and celebrating my ordination. I feel blessed to be part of a community which fosters faith formation and service. My call is to Bethany Lutheran Church in Howard, South Dakota. I will carry the lessons I learned at Mount Olive with me.

- Leif

Calendar

Wednesday, June 7

10:00 am Staff meeting

Thursday, June 8

1:00 pm *Funeral Eucharist: Janet Moede*

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 9

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, June 10

All day Bach Tage

4:00 pm Bach Tage Organ Recital: Joseph Trucano

Sunday, June 11 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation

4:00 pm *Evening Prayer*, with Bach Cantata 105, followed by light reception

Monday, June 12

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, June 13

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, June 14

10:00 am Staff meeting

Thursday, June 15

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, June 16

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, June 17

9:00 am Gardening Day

10:00 am Book Discussion Group (rescheduled)

Sunday, June 18 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members*, followed by coffee and conversation

11:30 am Adult Education: Prof. Emeritus Earl Schwartz

Monday, June 19

7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting

Tuesday, June 20

Noon Bible Study

6:30 pm Feminine Divine Study Group

Wednesday, June 21

10:00 am Staff meeting

Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the **East Assembly Room**. 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 June 17 meeting (postponed one week due to Bach Tage), the Book Discussion will read *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich. For its July 8 meeting, they will read *A Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest Gaines.

The Mount Olive book group has been meeting once a month for 20 years, usually on the second Saturday from 10am to noon. Lately the group has been using Zoom to provide remote access to the sessions. If you would like to participate in the group, you can either attend the monthly sessions which meet at the church or join remotely via Zoom. To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).

Adult Education

Looking Ahead: June 18 and 25:

“The Priestly Culture as Taught in Hebrew Scriptures,” presented by Hamline University Prof. Emeritus Earl Schwartz.

We are once again very privileged to have Earl Schwartz join us in the Chapel Lounge on two Sundays, June 18 and 25, following the 10:00 AM liturgy. Earl has been with us before and responses to his presentations are always to bring him back as often as possible. This time Earl will present on the “priestly culture” as presented in the Hebrew scripture which he calls “the underlying 'life force' basis of purity, impurity, and sacrifices.” He will explain how Israelite versions of these practices, as described in biblical texts, do and do not appear to resemble similar non-Israelite practices, and then, how the prophetic tradition came to re-contextualize this all in distinctly biblical ways.

From the Congregational Life Committee

Opportunities for Service

- Calling all knitters and crocheters! Our supply of baptismal prayer shawls is running low. If you'd like to craft an important gift for our littlest siblings, contact Lora. Simple patterns and yarn can be provided.
- Coffee Hour Hosts needed! Instructions and assistance provided! Sign upon the chart next to the coffee counter in the East Assembly Room.

Save the Dates (More information to come):

- July 30 - Church Picnic at Minnehaha Park.
- August 11-13 - Church Camping Trip to Nerstrand Big Woods State Park
- October (TBD) - Oktoberfest following the semi-annual Congregational Meeting

Start Something New

Are you just itching to gather with some of your Mount Olive family to have some fun, engage in some serious discussion, or just try something new? Want to visit some lovely gardens? Enjoy a movie night? Search for the Twin Cities' best burger? Go on a family bike ride? If you have ideas for activities that you think would interest others in the congregation, but don't know where to start with organizing or promotion, let Lora know.

For additional information or to volunteer for any of the service opportunities, contact Lora Dundek at conglife@mountolivechurch.org or by calling her at 651-645-6636.

New Members to be Received June 18

New members will be received into the congregation **on Sunday, June 18, at the 10:00 liturgy**. If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive or you have any questions about becoming a member, please speak with Pr. Crippen, Vicar Hamre, Eric Manuel (evangelism@mountolivechurch.org), or call the church office.

Bach Tage Events – This Weekend!

Each year in June, musicians from across the country come to Mount Olive for a weekend in June to prepare and present a Bach Cantata, and this year is no exception!

All are welcome to two Bach Tage events this weekend:

- **Saturday, June 10, 4:00 pm** – a Bach organ recital by Joseph Trucano
- **Sunday, June 11, 4:00 pm** – Vespers with Bach Cantata #105 and Charpentier's *Magnificat*, with the Bach Tage Chorus, Orchestra, and soloists; Kathy Saltzman Romey, conductor, and David Cherwien, organist.



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Both events are free and open to the public. Come – and invite your friends!



Congratulations to Stephanie!

Osemwivie Stephanie Obadiaru was confirmed during the morning liturgy on the feast of Pentecost, May 28.

Rose Thompson, our other confirmand, was ill that day and so her confirmation has been postponed until July 9.

May Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month:

Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services is a broad-based social service organization that operates more than 20 different programs throughout the state of Minnesota. The services provided by LSS include housing, financial services, counseling, senior care programs, refugee resettlement, disaster recovery, and services for those with disabilities. LSS has been serving as the lead agency for the resettlement of the Afghan family Mount Olive has been sponsoring through the coordination of our Global Ministries Committee.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget, and often, like our partners this month, we also volunteer in support of their work. On top of those financial and labor contributions, we encourage any member who wishes to donate 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 work of Lutheran Social Services, please visit their website at www.lssmn.org.

Happy Birthday, Dear Leanna!

Our sister in Christ, Leanna Kloempken, will celebrate her 90th birthday on **June 11** this year! Because Leanna is not able to be with us at worship, her family would like to invite her friends from Mount Olive to shower her with cards and notes to help her celebrate this special day.

Leanna's address is:

Meadow Woods Assisted Living, 1301 E. 100th St. #329, Bloomington, MN 55425

Attention Bookworms!

Please note! Due to scheduling conflicts with a funeral and Bach Tage, the June Book Discussion Group meeting will be held on the **THIRD Saturday, June 17**.

Our Going Out and Our Coming In

Staff vacation schedules

Cantor David Cherwien will be teaching a class at Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin June 5-9, and June 12-16

Cha Posz will be on vacation from June 9-16

Jim Bargmann will be on vacation June 16-23 and July 14-21

Pastor Crippen will be on vacation June 25-30

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**Summer Sunday Eucharist:
10:00 am**

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Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach
and Ministry – *Jim Bargmann*

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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