



The Olive Branch

August 2, 2023

Sunday Readings

August 6, 2023

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Lect. 18 A

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

August 13, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Lect. 19 A

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Accent on Worship

Vicar Mollie Hamre

*Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.
- Psalm 145:9*

This is my last week as your vicar. Next, I will be returning to Luther Seminary for my last semester and look towards graduation in December. In the coming months, I will be interviewing for first call, finishing class work, and listening to where Derek and I are called next. I am thankful for your prayers and the ways you all have cheered me on.

It has been a summer full of emotions—excitement for the future, nervousness for interviewing, sadness for the change that is to come. I spoke with Pastor Paul for advice as he prepared to leave, his advice was to “feel all the feels.” I can confirm this.

Amidst all these big feelings, the Psalm and Gospel brought me comfort this week. We are given a reminder of the abundance that the Triune God brings and the part we have in it—whether that be caring for each other, feeding one another, or receiving that grace ourselves.

I am beyond grateful for my time with you all. The ways you have welcomed, embraced, encouraged, learned, and grown alongside me. It is a blessing to enter a congregation for what seems like such a short period of time and be able to call it a home. Thank you for the abundance you have given to me and I hope to continue carrying that love into my future.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything.

Mollie Hamre

The 53rd Vicar of Mount Olive

Altar Flowers

Thank you to all who purchase flowers to beautify our altar each week!

The sign-up chart is quite full, but if you would like to purchase altar flowers, there are still several available weeks in November. Just sign up on the chart outside the church office. **Please remember to take your flowers with you after church!**

Our Going Out and Our Coming In

Staff vacation schedules

Jim Bargmann will be on vacation August 7-14.

Cantor Cherwien will be on vacation August 25-September 5.

School Supply Drive

Mount Olive is partnering with the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Minneapolis-Saint Paul for their school supply drive. The National Pan-Hellenic Council is an organization of several black fraternities and sororities partnering together to make a difference in our communities. Mount Olive is connected to the NPHC-MSP through Irene Campbell.

Locally, they are holding a school supply drive. We are collecting school supplies in support of their metro-wide effort. Please bring any school supplies you wish to donate to Mount Olive through August 6. Alternatively, you can also place an order for the supplies you wish to purchase from Target for delivery direct to Mount Olive or you can donate funds to support this effort. Simply indicate that you would like your donation to go toward the school supply drive.

The most needed school supplies include: colored pencils, composition notebooks, crayons, erasers, glue, glue sticks, highlighters, loose leaf paper (college-ruled), markers (washable, regular and thin), pencils (#2), pencil pouches (3-ring), pencil sharpeners, pens (red, black, and blue), pocket folders, post-it notes, rulers, scissors, Scotch tape (regular and double-sided), Sharpies (fine point, black), tissues, watercolor paint sets, and spiral notebooks (both wide-ruled and narrow-ruled).

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, August 14.**

Powderhorn Art Fair August 5-6

Please consider attending the Powderhorn Art Fair, organized by Mount Olive Partner, the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association.

The 32nd Annual Powderhorn Art Fair will bring together over 150 artists, immersive art installations, food trucks, and more to Powderhorn Park on August 5 and 6, 2023, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

Calendar

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 am Staff meeting

Thursday, August 3

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 4

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, August 5

9:00 am Gardening Day

Sunday, August 6 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by farewell reception
for Vicar Mollie Hamre

11:30 am Blood pressure checks

Monday, August 7

7:00 pm Global Ministry Committee meeting

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

Tuesday, August 8

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, August 9

10:00 am Staff meeting

Thursday, August 10

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 11

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, August 12

10:00 am Book Discussion Group

Sunday, August 13 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

4:00 pm Southside Shtetl (parking lot)

Monday, August 14

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

Tuesday, August 15 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Noon Bible Study

7:00 pm *Holy Eucharist for the Feast of Mary*

Wednesday, August 16

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 August 12 meeting, they will read, *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, by Anthony Doerr. And for their September 9 meeting, they will read *Lessons in Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus.

The Mount Olive book regularly meets on the second Saturday of each month 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 in person or join remotely via Zoom. To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).

From the Congregational Life Committee

Upcoming events:

Church camping trip: August 11-13 at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park. If you would like to reserve a site, the link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4AA9A828A2F94-mount2>. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 22. Only four electric sites remain available.

Nerstrand Big Woods State Park is just an hour south of Mount Olive. If you would like to join the group just for the day on Saturday, please email conglife@mountolivechurch.org, or call the church office.

Calling All Tenors/Basses!

Join a choir-for-a-day on August 13!

On Sunday, August 13, we are inviting tenors and basses to assemble a choir for the 10:00 am Eucharist. We'll have one rehearsal, that same morning, at 8:45 am.

Let Cantor Cherwien know if you are coming - we want to be sure we have a critical mass to make it work.

Second Annual Church Picnic is in the Books...

...and a good time was had by the 150 folks who attended! Thanks to everyone who helped out - the grill crew, set-up and clean-up help, and the "haul-all-the-stuff-around" group (here's looking at you, Johnsons and Pipkorns!).

We had lovely weather and a great location, a ton of good food, and lots of good company. Let's do it again next year, eh?

-Lora Dundek, Congregational Life Director

Attention Sunday Servants!

The Mount Olive Servant Schedule for 4th Quarter 2023 (Oct-Dec) will be published at the beginning of September. Please send any requests or questions regarding scheduling conflicts to me by **Friday, August 18**.

Thanks!

- Greg Murphy gregRmurphy@gmail.com

Vacation Time!

Now that summer vacation time is here, many are traveling and using hotel and motel accommodations, which often provide complimentary toiletries for their guests. Upon leaving, the unused toiletry items may be kept and donated.

These items are especially useful for people in uncertain housing situations, as they're typically small and easily transported. Please bring these small-sized toiletry items to Mount Olive and place them in the designated bins in the coat room for further distribution.

Property Committee Updates

Sexton Support Needed

With the resignation of our Sexton, we have a need for volunteers who can assist with light cleaning, building opening/closing, and set up for events until we are able to fill the position. The light cleaning involves emptying trash and recycling, cleaning bathrooms, dusting, vacuuming, and mopping floors.

Set up assistance would be required for special events and involves moving tables and chairs. Opening and closing the building, known as a building keeper in the past, involves ensuring that on Sundays the building is properly opened, secured at the end of the day, and that there is someone in addition to the ushers watching the Parish House and entrances during the service. Training for all the above is available!

If you can help, please contact the office: welcome@mountolivechurch.org, 612-827-5919 or Carol Martinson at welcome@mountolivechurch.org, or 612-708-9849.

Supporting our Neighbors

August 13 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 - Southside Shtetl is a market celebrating Jewish culture and art. It is named "Southside Shtetl" to pay homage to the small Jewish villages in pre-Holocaust Eastern Europe. The markets began a year ago by one of our neighbors on 31st and Elliot and have become point of coming together in the southside Jewish community.

The August market will be held in our South Parking lot. Mount Olive is also supporting the market with the use of our tables and chairs.

August Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month: *Every Meal*

Every Meal (formerly Sheridan Story) coordinates the delivery of food to families struggling with food insecurity through partnership schools throughout Minnesota, providing food for weekends, winter breaks, and summer breaks when children no longer have access to free and reduced-cost meals at school. Prior to COVID, Mount Olive volunteers partnered with the staff at Jefferson Community School, distributing food to children every Friday afternoon. The leadership and volunteers connected to Every Meal are currently assessing our future involvement and what that will look like going forward.

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 Every Meal, please visit their website at www.everymeal.org.

Rice Street Gardens

In late April, Mount Olive received a letter from Pastor Dana Nelson of our sister congregation, Galilee Lutheran in Roseville. Through that letter, we first heard about a remarkable place called the Rice Street Gardens. The Rice Street Gardens is a 2.5 acre plot of land that has been divided into 266 plots that then are leased at very low cost to families, 70% of whom are from the refugee and immigrant population. In fact, according to Pastor Dana, 10 separate languages are regularly spoken in the Gardens. Many of those caring for plots at the garden came to the United States with backgrounds in agrarian cultures and now find themselves living in multifamily housing - meaning the Gardens provide the only means for preserving a lifestyle that is very much a part of their being. In addition, over the past 8 years, since the founding of the Gardens, many significant relationships have been built and continue to develop.



Currently, the land used by the Gardens is leased to the non-profit organization set up by Galilee Lutheran to manage the property. That land is now up for sale. Galilee Lutheran is working to raise funds to purchase the land so that the Gardens, and those using the land, can continue to thrive. They have been seeking partnerships with area businesses, individuals, and fellow faith communities. Following a recommendation from the Neighborhood Ministry Committee, the Vestry of Mount Olive has approved a gift of \$3000 from the Mount Olive Foundation allotment in support of Galilee's hoped-for purchase of the garden property.

If you are interested in supporting this work as well, you are invited to do so. Donations can be given to Mount Olive with a note on the memo line that the donation is to be directed to the Rice Street Gardens. And, **this Saturday, August 5 from noon to 4:00 pm**, there will be a celebration at the Gardens. The Mount Olive community has been invited to join this celebration. Parking will be available at Galilee Lutheran, 145 North McCarrons Boulevard in Roseville.

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

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Administrative Assistant - *Cha Posz*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

Farewell to Vicar Hamre This Sunday

This Sunday, August 6, is Vicar Mollie Hamre's last Sunday of internship. Following the morning Eucharist, the Vicar Committee will host a reception in her honor.

Plan to attend to thank Mollie for her work among us and wish her well.