



The
Olive Branch
November 16, 2022

Accent on Worship
Pastor Joseph Crippen

Sunday Readings

November 20, 2022
Reign of Christ
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

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

Be still

Our familiar friend Psalm 46, whom we know from Reformation Sunday these many years, is given to us to sing this Sunday as well. "God is our refuge and strength," the psalmist sings. "A mighty fortress is our God," Luther replies (but in German). This psalm is full of images such as Jesus declared last week: earth moving, mountains under the ocean quaking, tsunamis, raging nations. It is a loud psalm for a loud world.

And then God says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Can we find stillness in our trust in God in these loud days of quaking and raging? With radios and TVs and smartphones and all the other noises of a modern life, is there any time when you have silence? Sit in a space to breathe, and listen for God?

In our Eucharist, we have several places of silence, the longest being between the preaching and the congregation's singing of God's Word for the day. Every second of silence in our worship is a precious pearl to be sought and embraced.

Be still, God says, so you can know God is God. Can you find stillness in your day? A time for contemplation where you set aside all other noise and entertainment and news and chatter? God promises that, even when the whole world is falling apart noisily, that if you can be still and listen, you will know God, and then you will know your refuge and help. That seems worth taking time for.



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.

Adult Education

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

November 20: *"The Year of Matthew's Gospel,"* part 3 of a 3-part series, 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)

MIA Guided Tour Postponed

The tour of American Indian art at MIA announced for December 4 has been postponed. Watch for it again in the spring!

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.

Calendar

Wednesday, November 16

- 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 17

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, November 18

- 7:00 pm Recovery group

Sunday, November 20 - The Reign of Christ

- 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
Noon Education Committee meeting
12:30 pm Y4 Confirmation

Monday, November 21

- 5:30 pm Family Music Time
7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting

Tuesday, November 22

- Noon Bible Study
6:30 pm Feminine Divine Study group

Wednesday, November 23

No Choir rehearsals this evening

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!

Andrea Receives Call

Former Mount Olive vicar Andrea Bonneville DeNaples has been called as pastor of Braham Lutheran Church, Braham, Minnesota. She will start her ministry there at the end of this month.

Since our bishop is on sabbatical, her ordination will be held after the bishop's return, on **January 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**, at Braham Lutheran Church.

Praise God and may she and the congregation be blessed as they begin their journey together!



**GODLY
PLAY**

This Coming Week, We Will Wonder:

Circle One: Jonah
Circle Two: The Ten Best Ways

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.)

A Note of Thanks

David Tabis wishes to thank the Mount Olive community for their prayers and concern during his recent hospitalization and rehabilitation.

He is back at home now and welcomes your calls.

Please Join Me: Beacon Interfaith Congregational Convening

The next Beacon Interfaith Congregational Convening will happen on December 1 at 6:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Saint Paul.

Congregational Convenings are a chance for those connected to Beacon member congregations - that includes Mount Olive - to meet together and learn about some very important actions we can take together to encourage our elected leaders to take action on important issues related to homelessness and affordable housing in the Twin Cities. At this particular gathering, Beacon leaders will share more about their five year plan and some of the affordable housing projects they are current working on, many of which Mount Olive has been supporting financially and through advocacy efforts. They will also be sharing more about their work on some comprehensive voucher programs, which if implemented, could drastically change the face of affordable housing in the Twin Cities.

From Emily and Kate, the Minneapolis Area Organizers for Beacon: "Beacon leaders worked this summer and fall to build relationships with candidates of both major parties so that we can start 2023 with electeds ready to work for the vision that all people have a home! With election night behind us, it's time to look forward to a legislative session with tremendous potential for investment in our vision that all people have a home."

I would love to have a large contingent of Mount Olive people join me for this event. You all have shown you have a heart for issues related to housing our neighbors - attending events like this is one more way to put that heart into action - and learn about more ways you can help provide housing for those in our communities.

To register, please visit <https://www.beaconinterfaith.org/event/congregational-convening/> AND send a quick email to me (neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org) letting me know you are planning to attend.

- Jim Bargmann

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.

Extra Sunday Morning Parking Option

Reminder!

Mount Olive members can park in the WorkForce Center parking lot on weekends.

The lot is located behind the WorkForce Center building on the southwest corner of Lake St. and Chicago Ave.

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.

Diaper Delivery Driver Needed

We are looking for an additional diaper delivery driver to add to our team. Each delivery driver picks up their diapers from Mount Olive, drives them to recipient homes and has the opportunity to connect with some great families in our extended community.

As a delivery driver, you can expect to make 5-7 stops each week. Ideally, we are looking for someone who lives in south Minneapolis or Richfield and has availability to do deliveries on Wednesday afternoons. However, we can be flexible on both of those things.

Please email Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry Jim Bargmann (neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org) if you are interested or for more information.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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