



Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ congregation. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that the liturgy is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place.

Following the Liturgy

- *Page*: Numbers marked “page ...” are in the front of the red hymnal in the lower outside corners of the pages.
- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- *Psalms* are numbered as hymns 1–150.
- *Hymns numbered 901–1100*, marked “ACS HYMN ...,” are in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

Accessibility

- An *elevator* is located at the north entry. Turn right as you exit the nave.
- A large *unisex restroom* is located on the lower level (across the hall from the elevator).
- *Primary restrooms* are located on the main floor near the elevator.
- *Additional parking* is available on Sunday mornings behind the Career Force center at the corner of Chicago Ave. and Lake St.
- *Hearing Assistance*
 - *T-coil* is provided in our nave and other large gathering areas.
 - *Small headsets* are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Focus on the Season: Sunday of the Reformation

On this day, more than 500 years after Martin Luther opened a conversation that both began a great reforming of the Church and also led to a great split in the Church, we pray for the Triune God’s healing and continuing reformation of the Church of Christ. Today, with Luther’s joyful proclamation of God’s grace in our hearts and voices, we celebrate the heart of Christian faith: the Gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! God has made a new covenant with us, written on our hearts, that together we might know God’s forgiveness and calling.

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Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE:

(8:00) “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Johann Nikolaus Hanff

(10:45) Trio Sonata No. I, BWV 525

J. S. Bach

AT THE PROCESSION

Standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

HYMN 503

Introduction by Helmut Walcha

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G **And also with you.**

KYRIE



L Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son. **G** Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son.



L Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. **G** Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.



L Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son. **G** Ky-ri - e, e - le - i - son.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE “Glory to God”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

(seated)

Response: **C Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

PSALMODY: Psalm 46

A brief silence follows the psalm.

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone.



¹Our sure defense, our shelter and | help in trouble,
God never stands | far off.

²So we | stand unshaken
when solid earth cracks and volcanoes slide into | the sea,

³when | breakers rage
and mountains tremble in | the swell.

⁴The Lord of | cosmic power,
Jacob's God, | will shield us.

⁵A river delights the cit- | y of God,
home of the Holy One | Most High.

⁶With God there, the | city stands;
God defends it under | attack.

⁷Nations rage, | empires fall.
God speaks, | earth melts.

⁸The Lord of | cosmic power,
Jacob's God, | will shield us.

⁹Come! | See the wonders
God does across | the earth:

¹⁰everywhere | stopping wars,
smashing, crushing, burning all the weapons | of war.

¹¹“An end | to your fighting!
Acknowledge me as God, high over nations, high ov- | er earth.”

¹²The Lord of | cosmic power,
Jacob's God, | will shield us.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. (*John 8:31-32*)

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Free Indeed

(seated)

Silence follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

HYMN 729

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – (8:00) All, in harmony (10:45) Choir

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **☞ hear our prayer**

PEACE

(standing)

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(8:00) "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

HYMN 517

The congregation stands to sing after an introduction by Dieterich Buxtehude.

(10:45) "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"

Jan Bender

The congregation stands for stanza 4 as the gifts are brought forward.



Choir 1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
 Choir 2 In blind re - volt we would not see that re - bel
 Choir 3 You came in - to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 All 4 O Spir - it, who did once re - store the Church, that



fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an
 wills wrought death and night. We seized and used in
 breathe our poi - soned air, to drink for us the
 it might yet re - call the bring - er of good



aim - less mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 fear and spite your won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 deep de - spair that stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 news to all: breathe on your clo - ven Church once more,



Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be



through your bro - ken world; since light a - woke and life be - gan,
roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that bring
those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



you made for us a ho - ly plan.
broke down its walls for our re - lease.
good tid - ings of our sav - ing king!
un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

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Music: WITTENBERG NEW, Jan O. Bender, 1909–1994

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

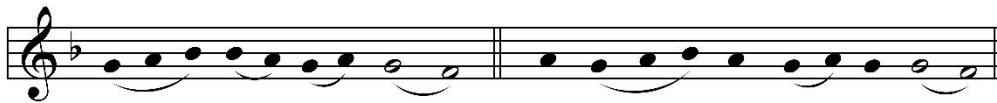
Response:  Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

HYMN 192

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy God, holy and mighty . . . until he comes.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Remembering, therefore . . . of our suffering world.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Send your Holy Spirit . . . in your broken world.

☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ With all your saints . . . now and forever. ☑ **Amen**

Lord’s Prayer (*left column*)

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AT THE COMMUNION

(*seated*)

*Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup.
The bread is gluten-free.*

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“Lamb of God”



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je-sus, re - deem-er of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

HYMN 657

(8:00) *Stanzas sung by All*

(10:45) *Stanza 1 – All*

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

(10:45) “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word,” BuxWV 25

Dieterich Buxtehude

Lord, keep us steadfast in thy Word; curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from thy Son and set at naught all he hath done.
Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend thy Holy Church that we may evermore sing praise to thee.
O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.
Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, peace in our time, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but thee, none other to defend us.
Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.
Give to our people, to all that be in power, peace and good government,
that by their protection we may lead a quiet and peaceful life away
in all godliness and in all honesty. Amen.

- Martin Luther, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt; 1 Timothy 2:2

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

SENDING OF COMMUNION

The Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood may be sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.

☩ We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that our brothers and sisters may also share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

☩ We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☩ Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

HYMN 654

Stanzas 1, 2 – All

Stanza 3 – Low voices begin,

Treble voices alone at “...yet saints their watch...”

Stanzas 4, 5 – All

POSTLUDE:

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,” op. 79b, no. 2

Max Reger

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Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Erik Nelson
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan	Jim Bargmann
Assisting Minister	Beth Gaede
Crucifer	Wes Huisinga
Communion Minister	Allen Dundek
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei
(10:45) Violin	Hannah Kennedy, Mary Sorlie
(10:45) Violone	Mark Kausch

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Al Bipes, Adam Krueger	Elena Molbert, Rose Thompson
Lectors	Thomas Fenner	James E. Berka
Ushers	Stephanie Obadiaru Irene Campbell	David Anderson, Carol Austermann, Sue Browender
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Beth Gaede & Bob Christenson	Bonnie McLellan
Coffee Hosts		Oktoberfest

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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Communion Minister	Don Luther	
Livestream	Donn McLellan	
Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei	
	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Kat Campbell Johnson, Tim Sneer	Eric Manuel, Steve Manuel
Lectors	Dale Kruse	Peggy Hoelt
Ushers	Lynn & Rob Ruff	Allen Heggen, Mike Knudson, Melissa Stone
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff Joy Obadiaru	Candy Husemoller
Coffee Hosts	Hosts needed!	Carol Austermann

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Joyce Brown; Jan Gallagher; Beth & Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo Nelson; Rhoda Nelson; Connie & Rod Olson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Melba Smrcka; Mark Spitzack; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Charlotte Erasmus, friend of Nancy Anderson; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Mary Bouska, friend of Mary Dodgson; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Berndt Gustafson, father of Bjorn Gustafson; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvvet, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Barb Heintz, mother of Andy Heintz; Sophie Forchas and the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Bonnie Beisell, friend of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Davey Olson, friend of Rachel Meurett; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Helen Feil, grandmother of Vicar Erik Nelson; Sandy Bryant, Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, daughter, son, and sister of Rhoda Nelson and sister, brother, and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Chris McCune-Zierath, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Nancy Pranke, and Linda Penas, sister-in-law and sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Jolie Melana Meshbeshier and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; David DeCoux, brother-in-law of James and Elisabeth Regan; Aric Sorenson, former member of Mount Olive; Trish Ryan, mother in law of Erika Thurston Ryan; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss and Jim Weiss, mother-in-law and brother-in-law of John Wall; Wendell; Lynda, friend of Eric Zander; Elijah Pettis; Christiane Reichel, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week:** Gretchen Pfau, Elisabeth Regan, Julie Manuel, Brian Jacobs, Timothy Pipkorn, Ruth Peterson, Erik Gronberg, Valerie John-Amala, Marsha Johnson, Lina Schulz, and Kathryn Wicks.
- **In hospice care:** Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 14 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Sunday; *Johann Heermann and Paul Gerhardt,*

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation *hymnwriters*

9:30 am Godly Play / Youth Discussion / Adult Forum

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by Oktoberfest

Noon Semi-annual Congregation Meeting

Monday, October 27

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

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

Tuesday, October 28 – *St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles*

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, October 29

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, October 30

9:30 am **Morning Prayer**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 31 – *Reformation Day*

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, November 1 – *All Saints Day*

Sunday, November 2 – *All Saints Sunday*

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Godly Play / Youth Discussion / Adult Forum

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

12:15 pm Theological Discussion group

The Commemorations

October 26: *Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters* - These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

October 28: *St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles* - We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

October 31: *Reformation Day* - By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

November 1: *All Saints Day* - The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nicholas Johnson,
in honor of all of the wonderful people of Mount Olive*

**Semi-annual
Congregation Meeting
TODAY
following the second liturgy.**

*The primary purpose of this meeting is to approve a
budget for 2026.*

*All voting members are encouraged to attend.
Childcare is provided.*



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