

Reformation Sunday, Lect. 30 A

October 25, 2026 ✝ 8:00 a.m. and 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.
- Hymns marked "ELW ..." are in the back of the red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- Hymns 901–1100, marked "ACS ..." are in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.
- *Psalms* are numbered as ELW hymns 1–150.

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

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. We gather to hear the word of God's forgiveness love, and to be strengthened by Word and Meal so we become signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

Today we also celebrate the Sunday of the Reformation, as is the custom in Lutheran churches. Reformation Day is Oct. 31, and on the previous Sunday to that day each year we celebrate the ongoing reformation of the whole catholic Church on earth. (Many years we use the lectionary assigned to Reformation Day on this Sunday. This year we are using the regular readings appointed for this Sunday in year A.) As Martin Luther, led by the Spirit, opened the Church to a new reality of grace in God, so, too, we seek continuing reformation of our faith and life, both as Church, and individually.

Holy Eucharist

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Entrance

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

– Johann Nikolaus Hanff

ENTRANCE HYMN *(standing)*

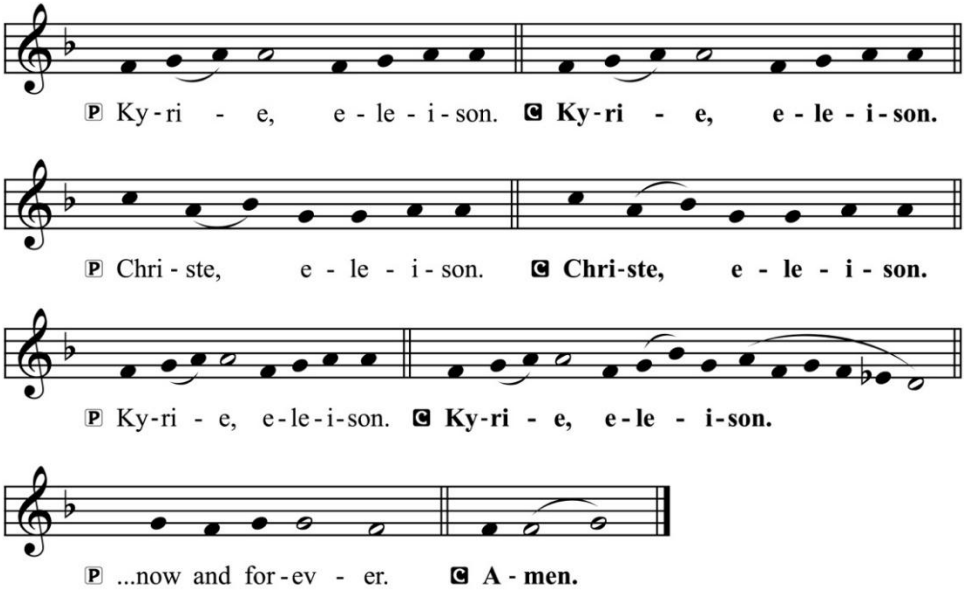
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW 503

Stanza 3: sing ELW 504 in harmony

GREETING

Response: ℭ **And also with you.**

KYRIE AND CONFESSION



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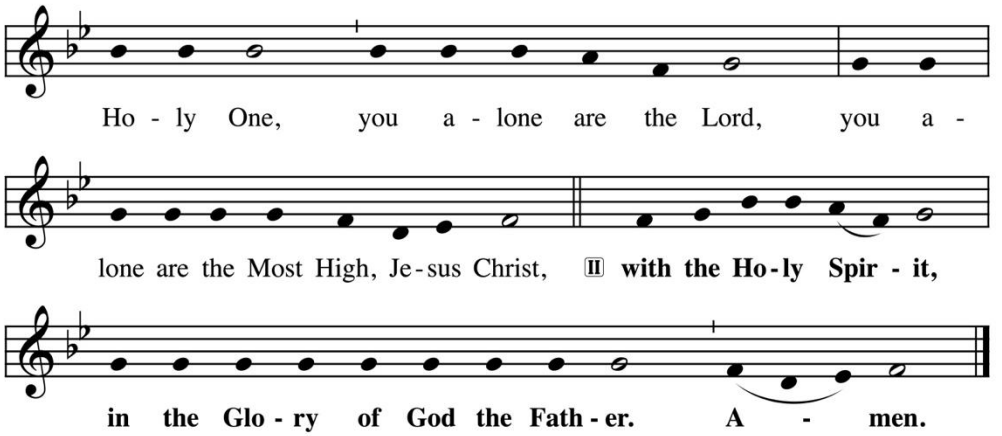
"Glory to God"

(8:00) Ⅰ Pulpit Side (10:45) Ⅰ Choir

Ⅱ Lectern Side; Ⅱ All

all sing "Amen"





PRAYERS OF THE DAY - *for Lectionary 30 A and Reformation Day*

Response: C **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 *(seated)*

Response: C **Thanks be to God.**

A brief silence follows the reading.

PSALMODY: Psalm 1 ELW 1

Sung responsively by verse between soloist/choir and assembly.
(10:45) The choir sings an antiphon at the beginning and end:
Their delight is in the law of the LORD.



SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Response: C **Thanks be to God.**

A brief silence follows the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(standing)*

Sung twice before and after the verse. ELW 175

Verse: Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another. Alleluia. *(1 John 4:11)*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON "… And a Second is Like It"

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(standing)*

"The Church of Christ in Every Age" ELW 729

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: Treble voices
Stanza 3: (8:00) all in harmony; (10:45) Choir
Stanza 4: Low voices
Stanza 5: All

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: C **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

Meal

OFFERING *(seated)*

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online using the QR code on the back of this worship folder.

(8:00) "Thee We Adore, O Savior" – Charles Callahan

(10:45) "The Spirit of the Lord," Prologue from *The Apostles,* op. 4 – Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind—
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;

To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called the trees of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD,
that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
before all the nations.

The spirit of the LORD is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel
Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:3, 11 (KJV)

OFFERTORY HYMN *(standing as the gifts are brought forward)*

"Thee We Adore, O Savior" ELW 476

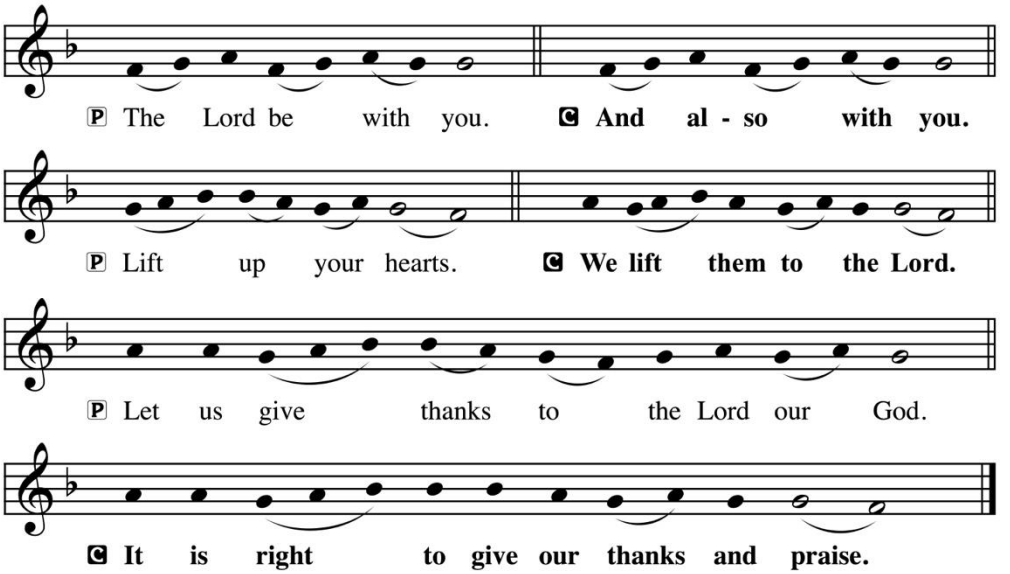
Stanza 1: All *Stanza 3: Treble voices*
Stanza 2: Low voices *Stanza 4: All*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: ℭ **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda – "Lift up your hearts"



Sanctus – "Holy, holy, holy" ELW 192

Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

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

ℭ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℗ Send your Holy Spirit . . . all things new in Christ.

ℭ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

℗ With all your saints . . . now and forever.

ℭ **Amen**

Lord's Prayer (*spoken)* page 145

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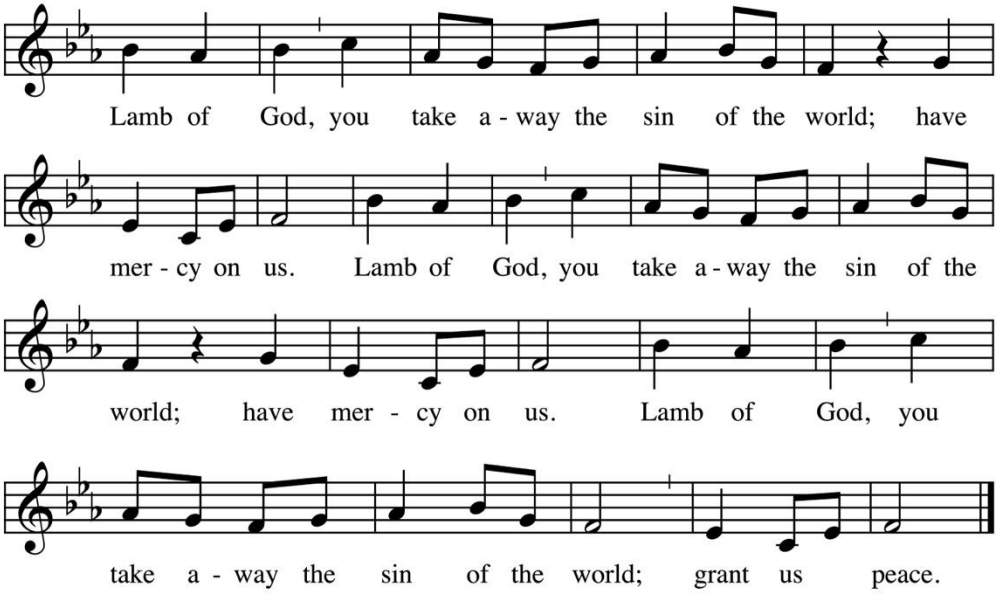
℗ The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

☪ **O Christ, give us this bread always.**

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.

Agnus Dei – "Lamb of God"



"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW 517

Each stanza is preceded by an organ setting by Walter L. Pelz.

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" ACS 963

Stanza 1: All *Stanza 4: Low voices*
Stanza 2: Treble voices *Stanza 5: All*
Stanza 3: All

TABLE BLESSING *(standing)*

Response: ℭ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ℭ **Amen.**

Sending

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 they may also share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

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

BLESSING

Response: ℭ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen" ELW 548

DISMISSAL

℗ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

ℭ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Jan Bender

✝ ✝ ✝

Flowers on the altar are given by Nicholas Johnson in honor of all people of Mount Olive.

Today's Adult Forum

Learn more about the work of Common Hope from Suntina Spehar, Outreach and Community Engagement Manager. We will also be writing "Hola Amigo" (Hi Friend) letters of encouragement to students in Guatemala who are not receiving letters from sponsors.

Next Week's Adult Forum

Women of the Cloth: Female Fiber Artists in the Book of Acts
Presented by Vicar Emily Hagen. This forum draws on the book of Acts to celebrate three women whose textile work helped share the Gospel message and contributed to the well-being of their early Christian communities in both material and spiritual ways. It also lifts up several ways that fiber arts continue to help us care for one another, profess our beliefs expressively, and deepen our devotional lives.
(Includes interactive and fiber arts display elements.)

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Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher & Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Emily Hagen
Organist / Choir Director	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan	Al Bipes
Crucifer	Alex Brandt
Assisting Minister	Teresa Rothausen
Communion Ministers	Art Halbardier, Allen Dundek, Larry Duncan
Livestream / Audio Mix	Eric Manuel / David Molvik
(10:45) **Choir**	Mount Olive Cantorei

	8:00	**10:45**
Acolytes	Thomas Fenner, Adam Krueger	James E. Berka, James P. Berka
Lectors	Kathy Wicks	Mary Dodgson
Ushers	Alan Wicks, Joy Obadiaru	David Engen, Elena Molbert, Carol Martinson, Melissa Stone
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff / Joy Obadiaru / Tammy Anderson	
Coffee Hosts		Congregational Meeting Potluck

Worship Leaders Next Sunday, November 1

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Livestream / Audio Mix	Donn McLellan / Ken Schulz
(10:45) **Choir**	Mount Olive Cantorei, Youth Choir

	8:00	**10:45**
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Andrew Stoebig	Nicholas Johnson, Brad Holt
Lectors	Cynthia Prosek	George Heider
Ushers	Alan Wicks, Kathy Wicks	Mike Knuson, Jerry Duncan, Melissa Stone, Kandi Jo Nelson
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek, / Beth Gaede, Bob Christenson / Tammy Anderson	
Coffee Hosts	**Host needed**	Jan Harbaugh

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation Sunday, Lect 30 A

8:00 a.m. ***Holy Eucharist,*** followed by coffee and fellowship
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum [Chapel Lounge]
9:30 a.m. Godly Play [Circle 1 and Circle 2 Rooms]
9:30 a.m. Youth Conversation Group [Youth Space]
10:20 a.m. Cantorei warm-up [Manz Choir Room]
10:45 a.m. ***Holy Eucharist***
12:30 p.m. Semi-annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck [Undercroft]

Monday, October 26 – Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters
5:30 p.m. Family Music [Zoom]
7:00 p.m. Monday Night WAVE [Undercroft]

Tuesday, October 27
12:00 p.m. Bible Study [East Assembly]
5:00 p.m. Indigenous Discussion Group [Schroedel Library]

Wednesday, October 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting [Schroedel Library]
11:00 a.m. Personnel Working Group Meeting [Schroedel Library]
1:00 p.m. *The Olive Branch* Submission Deadline
5:30 p.m. Children & Youth Choirs Dinner [Undercroft]
6:00 p.m. Children & Youth Choirs Rehearsal [Circle 3 Room & South Transept]
7:00 p.m. Cantorei Rehearsal [Manz Choir Room]
7:00 p.m. Y2 Confirmation [Schroedel Library]

Thursday, October 29
9:30 a.m. ***Morning Prayer*** [Columbarium Transept of the Nave]
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous [Undercroft]

Friday, October 30
– *The Olive Branch* is published
7:00 p.m. Recovery Group [Undercroft]

Saturday, October 31 – Reformation Day
11:00 a.m. ***Holy Eucharist, Ordination of Erik Nelson***

Our Life Together

Please pray throughout the week for the following people: Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Leah Crosby and her newborn daughter, Myla Rose; Larry Duncan; Jan Gallagher; Tom Graves; Allen Heggen; Diana Hellerman; Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Connie Marty: Margaret Melang; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo Nelson; Gail Nielsen; Connie & Rod Olson; Russ Pearson; Elijah Pettis; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Mark Spitzack; Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Paul Carlson, friend of David Anderson; Paul Solarski, uncle of Emily Bird; Glenda Schnirring, mother of Sue Browender; Shelly Clubb, friend of Joyce Brown; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Lawrence Walker & Anne Walker, friends of Irene Campbell; Heather Johnson and Theresa Ryser, relatives of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvet, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull, and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Jesus Lopez and Philip Borchardt, friends of Gene Janssen; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Bonnie Beisell and Ken Kaliher, friend and brother of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, brother, and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Chris McCune-Zierath, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke; Linda Penas, relative of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Jan Callison and Bill Newhouse, friend and uncle of Cynthia Prosek; Jolie Melana Meshbesher and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Linda Darlene Schlude, mother of Jason Schlude and friend of Martin Connell and Greg Terhaar; Aric Sorenson, former member of Mount Olive; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Marijane and Cheryl Ness and Steve Langlie, friends of Eric Zander; Sandra, friend of Mount Olive; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Rosa Muñoz, friend of Mount Olive.

For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: Ginny Agresti, Tim Sneer, Gretchen Pfau, Liz Regan, Julie Manuel, Brian Jacobs, Tim Pipkorn, Ruth Peterson, Jim Snyder,

In hospice care: David Tabis; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig

We remember the saints who have gone before us:

October 26: Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; 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.

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