

WORSHIP

Sundays

8:00am & 10:30am

Divine Worship with
Communion

(also available on
Facebook Live)

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Giving Thanks

“Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 106:1

The Thanksgiving season is upon us even though some stores are already stocking for Christmas. Traditionally, though, Thanksgiving gives us a little time to recall all the blessings which have been given to us (besides the Packers being 5-1 and in first place this week). Even during this unprecedented year, we do have many things to be thankful for, including house and home, spouse and family, jobs and friends, and many other wonderful blessings. As a church family, we also have so much to be grateful for, especially the truth of God’s Word revealing a Savior who has given us salvation through His own life, death, and resurrection. So much to be thankful for as we live out His mission!

The text above accentuates the goodness of our God and how we should respond. I’ve always been fond of the word steadfast because it clearly reveals how great our God is and how great His love and mercy is towards us. It never leaves and never fades. He is always with us, blessing us with His presence. It is only appropriate that we return thanks daily for all He continues to do through us and for us. He is worthy of all our praise!

I want to let you all know how much I thank God for each one of you and that I continue to pray for you. God has richly blessed me to be called a pastor of Mount Olive as we follow His lead at this time. He has blessed us as a congregation, and we have much to look forward to in the future! The devil, though, wishes to corrupt and diminish what we have here and to get us disconnected during this time of Covid-19, but we can stand strong in His grace and power as we follow His word and His will! We can stay connected because of who Jesus is and what He has done for each of us! May we reflect Jesus in all that we do and say.

In His love and service,
Pastor Jason

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For emergencies, call 228-4134 (Pastor's cell).

DECEMBER VIEW DEADLINE

Wednesday, November 25th

E-mail articles to Luke Frauenhoff at office@molc.us.

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Sunday Bulletin deadline for Announcements is always **Wednesday at NOON** for the following Sunday.

Email announcements to Luke at office@molc.us.

NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Department of Public Health – Madison & Dane County deemed religious entities as essential, allowing worship spaces of 50,000 sq ft or less to congregate at 50% capacity (up to 120 people for Mount Olive). We will be following guidelines given by the CDC and PH-MDC in our plan to transition back to in-person worship. Sunday services are being offered at **8:00 & 10:30am** (in-person and on Facebook Live). The Mount Olive Office is back to its normal office hours as well!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online molc.us/connect. Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS

November 1: Gary & Peggy Rainbow

November 8: Veteran's Day

November 15: Brian & Connie LaRowe

November 22: (open)

LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL!

Just a friendly reminder to let us know if you are hospitalized. The hospitals used to let us know if any of our members are hospitalized, but unfortunately, that is no longer the case.

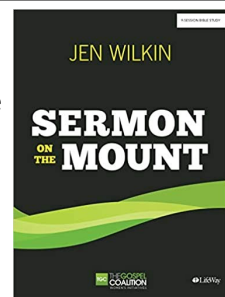
BOOK CLUB

At our October meeting, the group decided to suspend the group officially until January, since we don't usually meet in December

In January we will discuss "The Dutch House", by Ann Patchett. If you have questions, please contact Judy Adrianson at 608-285-5448 or email, Mewsmom@charter.net.

FEMALES IN FAITH

Females in Faith is starting a new study and we would love for you to join us! We will be starting Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin on November 10 at 6:30pm. We meet via Zoom. Contact Andrea Black (608-220-7260) with any questions.



CARD SHOP

If you do come into the church and need some cards, please continue to "self-serve". Contact the church office to set up a time to come in if needed. There remains a good supply of everyday greeting cards for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, get well, sympathy and more. All purchases support the missions at Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are located in the Library, next to the Nursery. Thanks for your patronage.

HOLY COMMUNION

Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm
Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm
Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm

If you're still staying at home and want to receive the sacrament, contact the office to schedule a 15-min time slot with Pastor Jason or Pastor Mark.

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Available on the **App Store**

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SAVING & CHANGING LIVES FOR ETERNITY

**BABY BOTTLE
CAMPAIGN IS
HERE!**

 DONATE TO CARE NET!
OCTOBER 2020 | TEXT TO GIVE:
408.709.0020 OR FRIENDS.CARENETDANE.ORG


This year's baby bottle campaign will run during the month of November. Grab a bottle from the Welcome Center! As you fill it with loose change, cash, or checks, you help provide life affirming resources to women and men facing unintended pregnancies through the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center. Contact Connie LaRowe connielarowe@gmail.com or Carol White carolindawhite44@gmail.com for more information.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Mount Olive hosted a very successful fall Red Cross Blood Drive on September 30th. There were 38 presenting donors and 38 total units collected. The drive exceeded its goals by 26%! Special thanks to the many Mount Olive members who were able to make the Red Cross drive a priority in their schedules that day! This drive alone will help to save as many as 114 lives! The Red Cross expressed sincere appreciation to Mount Olive for our generosity during these uncertain times to help patients in need, and for our ongoing support of the Red Cross mission. The next blood drive at Mount Olive will be March 24, 2021.

Today's Light Bible Study

God's Word is the only sure foundation for life.

Today's Light Bible Study

For God's Word is solid to the core

Nov.	Psalm	Proverbs
1	1-6	26:24-28
2	7-11	27:1-3
3	12-17	27:4-6
4	18-22	27:7-11
5	23-28	27:12-14
6	29-34	27:15-20
7	35-41	27:21-27
9	42-47	28:1-5
10	48-53	28:6-10
11	54-60	28:11-14
12	61-66	28:15-18
13	67-72	28:19-20
14	73-77	28:21-24
16	78-82	28:25-28
17	83-89	29:1-8
18	90-95	29:9-11
19	96-101	29:12-14
20	102-106	29:15-17
21	107-113	29:18-20
23	114-118	29:21-23
24	119	29:24-25
25	120-125	29:26-27
26	126-134	30:1-4
27	135-137	30:5-6
28	138-143	30:7-10
30	144-150	30:11-14

Today's Light Bible Class meets on
Wednesdays at 10am in the Fireplace Room.
Come and join our conversation!

A VIEW FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

Curt Casanova

2020 has been a year of challenges. Whether it be this pandemic, personal health issues, national events, or job situations, it is difficult because for the most part we have no control over these. One thing though we do have control over however, is our faith in our heavenly Father. The board of Elders would like to continue to urge your faithful participation in the Word and Sacrament, either via online or in person. We especially want to invite those members taking part in the virtual service to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in communion with Pastor Jason or Pastor Mark. This can be done privately at Mount Olive, or Pastor Jason or Pastor Mark can even come to your house (or lawn). Just contact Luke in the church office to make an appointment, as the opportunities are there. As Martin Luther reminds us in the Large Catechism,

"For this reason we go to the Sacrament because there we receive such a treasure by and which we obtain forgiveness of sins. Why so? Because the words stand here and give us this; for on this account He bids me eat and drink, that it may be my own and may benefit me, as a sure pledge and token, yea, the very same treasure that is appointed for me against my sins, death, and every calamity."

To that purpose, we want to assure you that we are constantly monitoring our services here to bring us in concordance with our local health recommendations. We can provide masks, we consistently wipe down the pews after each service, and are instituting additional cleaning measures in our classrooms. We have emphasized proper social distancing for seating during worship. And we have altered our communion practice to protect our congregation and servers. (Special thanks to Dave Gaston for inventing a wafer distribution device which avoids direct handling of the bread). May our Lord give you peace during this time. May we all continue to seek out and put our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

There are some of us who love words. I’d much rather play a game like Scrabble or Boggle than spend my time trying to solve a Sudoku challenge. Don’t get me wrong, math has its place, but I find it fascinating that certain words can take on so much meaning, especially those 2 or 3 letter words known as prepositions. One may not think that they are significant, but they can certainly frame the context of an entire thought or sentence.

Case in point? The Bible verse from 1 Thessalonians where Paul states we are to give thanks **IN** all circumstances. Did you notice that tiny little word? It may not seem that remarkable, but what if you were to exchange the word “**In**” with “**For**?” What would be the difference in the meaning of this Bible verse?

Certainly, when hardships are a part of our daily struggle, it may be difficult to have a reasonable thought of thankfulness. We don’t enjoy hard days, broken relationships, financial strains, or the thought that COVID may affect us or a loved one. God grieves over these things and He holds the tears of sadness, despair, and pain in His very hands. So then how are we to give thanks? Are we to be thankful **FOR** poor choices, consequences of our shattered world, and daily difficulties? Notice, the word Paul is instructed to write....**IN** all circumstances! What a stark contrast that 2 letter word embodies. When we give thanks **IN** all circumstances, we are in fact, reminding ourselves that our hearts of faith in God is bigger than the difficulties. He can use those very circumstances for His good and glory. That is a huge difference! (Tony Evans quote).

God’s will for us is ordained by His good and gracious heart...He wants our lives to flow with thanksgiving because He knows that when we are grateful, the enemy is stopped from trying to convince us otherwise. We do not lack His blessings of love, mercy, forgiveness, presence, and complete assurance of eternal life. Wallowing in ungratefulness and focusing on the hardships robs us of these blessings. Giving thanks **in** all circumstances is not easy, and by the world’s standards, seems ridiculous. But, when we truly spend time counting our blessings even in the middle of struggles, we are witnessing to those around us that God is the one who directs and rules over our lives. We can choose to be joyful and thankful because His Spirit is at work in our hearts.

The saying, when “life gives you lemons, make lemonade” is undeniably a nugget of wisdom held in esteem by many. But let us as His chosen and beloved children, instead proclaim 1 Thessalonians 5:18! There is always joy in Him and because of His presence, we can truly be thankful **IN** all circumstances. And for those of us that are known wordsmiths, we give thanks for those little words known as prepositions...**IN** is not the same as **FOR**!

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- Thanks for your continued prayers and inquiries about preschool. We are in our 8th week of school and staff and students have remained healthy so far. We are grateful for the donations of cleaning products that have assisted in keeping our room sanitized and disinfected!
 - A huge thank you to all of you who lovingly donated red and blue items for our local police and fire department. The preschoolers will help sort these items and get them boxed up so that I can drop them off the first week of November. We have a generous congregation and I am grateful for your support of our compassion project.
 - Some have asked about butter braids...because of our lower enrollment and not having full capacity at church services, we are delaying our fundraiser and will look to possibly have it in the Spring instead.
 - We still have space for the upcoming semester (January), so if you know anyone interested, please have them call Laurel. Registration for Fall 2021 will take place starting in January, so any interested families may inquire now to be put on a list for contact.

Praising God that even in the storms of life, we can rejoice knowing that He who is able will continue to lead and guide us....we can be thankful **IN** all things, even when they are hard!

In His love and service,
Laurel



“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving.” – Psalm 69:30.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, I would like to take a moment and offer thanks for the continued praise and support from all, for the endeavors of our musical family of faith. Our bell choir has been in regular rehearsal, and presented a beautiful arrangement of, “A Mighty Fortress” on Reformation Sunday. The brass ensemble also presented on Reformation Sunday and continue to rehearse with great vigor for upcoming musical offerings. Olive Branch continues their successful efforts in offering their best for musical worship and upcoming concerts in our series. The Cherub Choirs of LOGOS and Sunday School have been meeting and singing regularly in preparation for the upcoming season; and our adult vocal ensemble will be assembling soon to do the same. Our online series, “Midday Meditations From Mount Olive” are featured every Monday at noon on our YouTube and Facebook sites.

It is an exciting musical time for Mount Olive. Despite some limitations brought forth by COVID mandates, we continue to do our best while observing the guidelines set forth by our health and governing officials and are proud say so. We will continue to bring the best of the blessing of music to all at Mount Olive. Most recently, it was an honor to play the dedication concert of our new organ and highlight the many features of the instrument through a program of varied pieces; taking a journey through influential times and locations which made the organ what it is today. From replicating the earliest of organ sounds of the 1500’s, through contemporary sounds of today, the concert made for an informative and enjoyable afternoon. We are exceptionally blessed to have such a magnificent instrument which will continue to assist in leading worship musically, while also serving as an ensemble and solo concert instrument.

Our Concert Series continues with our Lessons and Carols evening on the 20th of December. More information may be located on the Music At Mount Olive site. It is a blessing to serve Mount Olive; thank you all for your support.

On a personal note; as we enter the month of November, keeping in mind all we are thankful for, I will be participating in “Movember” or “No-Shave November.” This movement calls attention to men’s health (physical and mental) by raising donations to fight diseases. As an outward sign of support, some participants grow moustaches. While I will be doing all I can in raising donations via the “Movember” site, walking 60 miles this month to call attention to troubled men committing suicide on an average of every 60 seconds, I will also be growing a moustache – though I can’t promise it will be as impressive as Tom Selleck or Hulk Hogan. Perhaps Groucho Marx. If you would like to donate, or are interested in learning more, please visit: <https://movember.com/m/raycalderon?mc=1> Thank you for taking time to consider and spread the word.

I wish you all the very best of God’s love always, and blessings abound!

MOUNT OLIVE 2020-2021 CONCERT SERIES

Sunday December 20th 3:00 PM- *Mount Olive’s Lessons & Carols*: Our Christmas celebration in word and song, with best-loved hymns and carols with the Word of the season.

Sunday January 17th 3:00 PM- *Bach and Brass*: The Mount Olive Brass Ensemble presents a varied concert of well-loved favorites from their repertoire.

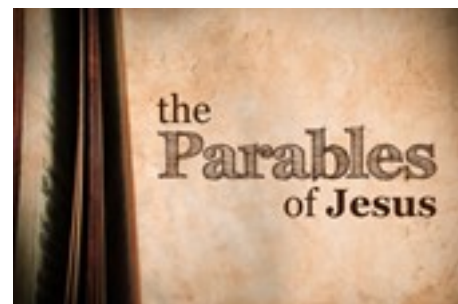
Sunday February 7th 3:00 PM- *Every Praise*: Olive Branch leads all in a spectacular concert of contemporary favorites as they do every Sunday!

Sunday March 7th 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM- *LOGOS Musical*: Our youth and Cherub Choir offer our congregation the lessons and Word of the day through theatrical fun for all.

Sunday March 28th 3:00 PM- *Memorial Music Concert*: A somber and reflective afternoon of selections of some of the greatest works of remembrance for all who have been called home.

Sunday May 16th 3:00 PM- *Sacred Sounds Recital*: Internationally acclaimed tenor, Ray Calderon, presents a recital of sacred works for the tenor voice.

Our men's group – Men @ Work – meets the first Monday of each month. Pastor Jason will be leading the study on the Parables of Jesus this month. We will meet via ZOOM at 6:30pm on Monday, November 2nd. Please consider joining this group as we take time for study, discussion, prayer, and fellowship. If you haven't been able to be involved in this group, you are encouraged to join us on November 2nd.



Pastor Mark will be leading a new study for all parents beginning Wednesday, October 7th. We meet in the Fireside Room at church during LOGOS. This year we will be using a study from Lutheran Hour Ministries – “Households of Faith.” It is a video-based study to help parents apply three core habits that foster a spiritually vibrant household. These are 1) applying spiritual disciplines; 2) extending hospitality; and 3) engaging in spiritual conversations.

“Walking in the Light” is our bi-weekly devotional podcast. It is posted on Tuesday and Thursday each week on Mt. Olive’s Facebook page. You can also find them on the MOLC website – www.molc.us.



Our challenge of reading the Bible in chronological order for one year continues in the month of November. We will be reading from Proverbs, 1 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Ecclesiastes. If you would like a listing of the readings for November, please see the insert in this month's View and there is also a hard copy of the list at the Information Table.



Christmas Flower Order

This Christmas season we will again be adorning our church altar with beautiful poinsettias.

If you would like to place an order please complete the form below.

Poinsettias are \$24.00 for 2 plants in a 7 ½" pot and \$15.00 for 1 plant in a 6 ½" pot.

Orders MUST be received no later than Sunday, November 8th.

You may place/mail your order form and payment (check made payable to Mount Olive) in the Altar Flower tray found in the workroom next to the office, or you can send an email to altarflowers@molc.us and mail your check to the church or pay using PushPay.

Name: _____

Flower Order:

SINGLES 6 ½ " Pot each	\$15	Red	White	Burgundy	Jingle Bells	Total Amount \$
Quantity						

DOUBLES 7 ½" Pots each	\$24	Red	White	Red & White	Total Amount \$
Quantity					

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In celebration of _____

Pastor Mark is challenging the entire congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in one year!



Our reading began on June 1, 2020 and will end on May 31, 2021! If you were not able to start on June 1st, please let us know and we'll get the readings to you. Each month – in The View and on the Information Booth -- you will find a list of the daily readings with a brief synopsis of what you will be reading.

Here are the Books of the Bible and the Chapters for November of 2020.

November

1 – Song 4-6	Solomon Admires His Bride/They Delight in Each Other
2 – Song 7-8, Prov. 1	Longing for His Bride/The Beginning of Knowledge
3 – Proverbs 2-5	Value of Wisdom/Trust in the Lord/Warning Against Adultery
4 – Proverbs 6-8	Practical Warnings/Blessings of Wisdom
5 – Proverbs 9-11	Way of Wisdom/ Proverbs of Solomon
6 – Proverbs 12-15	Proverbs of Solomon
7 – Proverbs 16-18	Proverbs of Solomon
8 – Proverbs 19-21	Proverbs of Solomon
9 – Proverbs 22-24	Proverbs of Solomon/More Sayings of the Wise
10 – 1 Kings 5-6, 2 Chron. 2	Preparing to Build the Temple
11 – 2 Chron. 3-4, 1 Kings 7-8	Solomon Builds the Temple & the Palace/The Ark of the Covenant in the Temple
12 – 2 Chron. 5-7	Solomon Blesses the Temple/Dedication of the Temple
13 – Ps. 134, 136, 146	His Steadfast Love Endures/Put Not Your Trust in Princes
14 – Ps. 147-150	Praise the Name of the Lord
15 – 1 Kings 9, 2 Chron. 8, Prov. 25	Solomon's Accomplishments/More Proverbs
16 – Proverbs 26-28	More Proverbs
17 – Prov. 29, Eccles. 1-3	All is Vanity/A Time for Everything
18 – Eccles. 4-6	Evil Under the Sun/Fear God
19 – Eccles. 7-9	Contrast of Wisdom & Folly/Enjoy Life with the One You Love
20 – Eccles 10-12, 1 Kings 10	Cast Your Bread Upon the Waters
21 – 1 Kings 11, 2 Chron. 9, Prov. 30	Solomon Turns from the Lord/Queen of Sheba
22 – Prov. 31, 1 Kings 12-13	The Kingdom Divided/Prophets Disobedience
23 – 1 Kings 14, 2 Chron. 10-12	Prophecy Against Jeroboam/Egypt Plunders Jerusalem
24 – 1 Kings 15:1-24, 2 Chron. 13-14	Abijah Reigns in Judah/Asa Reigns in Judah
25 – 2 Chron. 15-16, 1 Kings 15:25-34	Asa's Last Years/Nadab/Basha Reign in Israel
26 – 1 Kings 16-18, 2 Chron. 17	Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah/Prophets of Baal
27 – 1 Kings 19-21	Elijah and Elisha
28 – 1 Kings 22, 2 Chron. 18-19	Ahab and the False Prophets
29 – 2 Chron. 20-23	Jehoshaphat's Prayer
30 – Obadiah, Ps. 82-83	Edom/Day of the Lord is Near/Rescue the Weak and Needy

THE VIEW from the Mount

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments;
praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians,
and sharing God's love wherever we go.*