

MISSION

The mission of the conference on liturgy is to provide a forum for both ordained and lay persons to grow in their understanding of public worship. Specifically, the conference seeks to:

- ◆ Lift up theological topics that are the basis of Christian liturgy.
- ◆ Provide edification for ordained and lay persons on various aspects of public worship, including:
 - liturgical prayer,
 - the song of the people,
 - the roles of the ministers of the liturgy, both lay and ordained,
 - the art of ritual movement,
 - proclaiming scripture using a variety of media, and proclaiming the Word through sacramental acts.
- ◆ Inspire creative thought and practice to use in various denominational settings.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church is a congregation with a passion for liturgy and music. In this conference, we seek to gather people from every aspect of the church's ministries so that the vitality of our worship might grow across the church. We warmly invite your participation.



EVENTS

Friday, January 8, 2010

7:30 P.M. Hymn Festival: "All Life Sings"
Reflections by Susan Palo Cherwien,
David Cherwien, organist and director
Mount Olive Cantorei

Saturday, January 9, 2010

8:30 A.M. Registration
9:00–9:45 *Morning Prayer*
9:45–10:30 *Plenary I: Samuel Torvend*
10:30–11:00 BREAK
11:00–12:00 Special Interest Sessions I
1. Samuel Torvend: "Matter Really Matters"
2. Dwight Penas: "Body Language"
3. Susan Mallison: "Godly Play"
12:00–1:00 LUNCH: Mount Olive Undercroft
1:00–1:45 *Plenary II: Samuel Torvend*
1:45–2:15 Question-and-Answer Session with
our presenters
2:30–3:30 Special Interest Sessions II
1. Samuel Torvend: "Matter Really Matters"
2. Dwight Penas: "Body Language"
3. Susan Mallison: "Godly Play"
4:00 P.M. *Evening Prayer*

Sunday, January 10, 2010: The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 A.M. and *Holy Eucharist*
10:45 A.M. Guest Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Samuel Torvend

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CONFERENCE ON LITURGY

January 8-10, 2010

LITURGY & DAILY LIFE

Samuel Torvend, Keynote
Susan Mallison
Dwight Penas
David Cherwien
Mount Olive Cantorei
Susan Palo Cherwien



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Liturgy & Daily Life

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON LITURGY January 8-10, 2010

The Christian liturgy we celebrate in the 21st century finds its origin in the public ministry of Jesus exercised in daily life during the first century. During this conference, participants will explore the ways in which the liturgy marks the baptized as public servants of the reign of God and rehearses in us the rituals of gracious living in the world. ♦ The conference begins on Friday evening, January 8 at 7:30 pm with a hymn



festival led by Cantor David Cherwien and the Mount Olive Cantorei. Renowned poet and hymn writer, Susan Palo Cherwien, will provide reflections. ♦ On Saturday January 9, keynote speaker Samuel Torvend

will break open the inter-relatedness of liturgy and daily life. Participants will also be invited to choose from three workshops that will explore this topic in various ways. Dwight Penas will discuss gesture as an aspect of being human. Susan Mallison will describe the Christian Education approach called "Godly Play," a teaching method which draws on the traditions of ancient storytelling, the use of parables, sacred stories, liturgy, and silence. In a workshop setting, Samuel Torvend will discuss the interconnection of incarnational and sacramental reverence for the creation (a sacramental preference for the natural as God's good gifts) and the ways in which we honor the creation in daily life. ♦ The day will open with Morning Prayer at 9:00 A.M. and close with Evening Prayer at 4:00 P.M. ♦ We invite all to join us for the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, January 10, 8:00 A.M. or 10:45 A.M., celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord. Rev. Samuel Torvend will be the guest preacher.

SPEAKERS



The Rev. Dr. Samuel Torvend - Plenary speaker

is Associate Professor of Religion at Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma) and Associate Priest for Adult Formation at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Seattle). He is the author of *Daily Bread, Holy Meal: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion* (Augsburg

Fortress 2004), *Luther and the Hungry Poor: Gathered Fragments* (Fortress 2008), editor of *Welcome Home: Scriptures, Prayers, and Blessings for the Household* (Augsburg Fortress 1995-1997), and two forthcoming works: *Flowing Waters, Uncommon Birth: Christian Baptism in a Post-Christian World* (Augsburg Fortress) and *Still Hungry at the Feast: Preaching and Teaching the Eucharist in a World of Need* (Liturgical Press). In addition to university and parish work, he serves on the Liturgical Catechesis Committee and Liturgy and Arts Commission of the Diocese of Olympia and as a board member of the North American Association for the Catechuminate.

Sammuel's workshop is entitled, "Matter Really Matters."

Dwight Penas can't decide what he wants to do when he grows up. He has a degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, in English and Religion, with a Greek minor. He followed that up with a divinity degree and ordination as a Lutheran pastor, along with graduate work in liturgy. But then he went on to study and teach human development and family studies at the University of Illinois. That led him to law school. Now he works for a title insurance company in the Twin Cities, where his practice of law consists in telling people to get a lawyer – and which affords him time to serve his second love (after his wife and daughter), that of reading theology and liturgical studies. He and his wife, Kathy Thurston, have been

members of Mount Olive since 1988; their daughter, Erika, has been a member all her life.

Dwight's workshop is entitled, "Body Language."

Susan Mallison is the Director of Christian Formation at St. Clement's Episcopal Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. During her time there, she has nurtured the growth of both Godly Play and Journey to Adulthood. She has been sharing Godly Play stories with children and adults for sixteen years. Her two daughters have grown up with Godly Play, and her husband, David, is also a seasoned Godly Play storyteller. She finds that Godly Play continues to enhance her own spiritual journey and to help her find comfort in living the questions.

Susan's workshop is about Godly Play.

David Cherwien serves as Cantor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, and music director for the National Lutheran Choir. He continues the tradition of hymn festivals begun at Mount Olive through the ministry of the late Cantor Emeritus Paul Manz, and travels extensively, bringing it to many parts of the country. His numerous church music and choral compositions have been published by Augsburg Fortress, MorningStar, Concordia Publishing House, and others. David is the organist and choir director for the hymn festival on Friday evening.

Susan Palo Cherwien is a freelance writer and musician. She has written numerous hymn texts which appear in denominational hymnals in the United States and Canada, and she is the author of *O Blessed Spring: Hymn Texts of Susan Palo Cherwien*, *Crossings: Meditations for Worship, To God Will I Sing, and What Wondrous Love: Devotions for the Home* (with Jay Cooper Rochelle), and *From Glory Into Glory: Reflections For Worship*. She has also written for *Sundays and Seasons*, *Welcome Home*, *Do Life!: Ubuntu Playbook 2003*, *Singing the Faith*, and the journals *Lutheran Woman Today*, *CrossAccent*, and *The Hymn*.

REGISTRATION

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Name(s) _____

Parish/congregation _____

Address _____

Phone/email _____

Single registration (\$55) \$ _____

Additional registrants from same parish/congregation (\$35 each) \$ _____

Students (\$25 each) \$ _____

Lunch is provided.

TOTAL \$ _____

*Registration limited to the first 175 registrations received. Pre-registration deadline is December 15, 2009. Registration fees after December 15 are \$75 and \$40, respectively. Registration at the door is \$75 per person, if available. Make check payable to **Mount Olive Lutheran Church**. Payment is nonrefundable.*

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Questions? Call the church office at 612-827-5919 or email welcome@mountolivechurch.org

To Mount Olive from 35W

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