

# The Olive Branch

February 28, 2018

## Accent on Worship

For the past year, the Worship Committee at Mount Olive has worked on a set of shared understandings about worship that guide our decisions and actions within our worship life together. Below is the final version that was approved at the last Worship Committee meeting.

### Guiding Principles for Worship at Mount Olive Lutheran Church

The people of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, believing that liturgy in worship of God not only expresses faith, but also shapes faith, strive to embody in worship the belief in a loving and present God, who desires the coming to fullness of all creation.

The people of Mount Olive fully expect to encounter the Triune God in the liturgy.

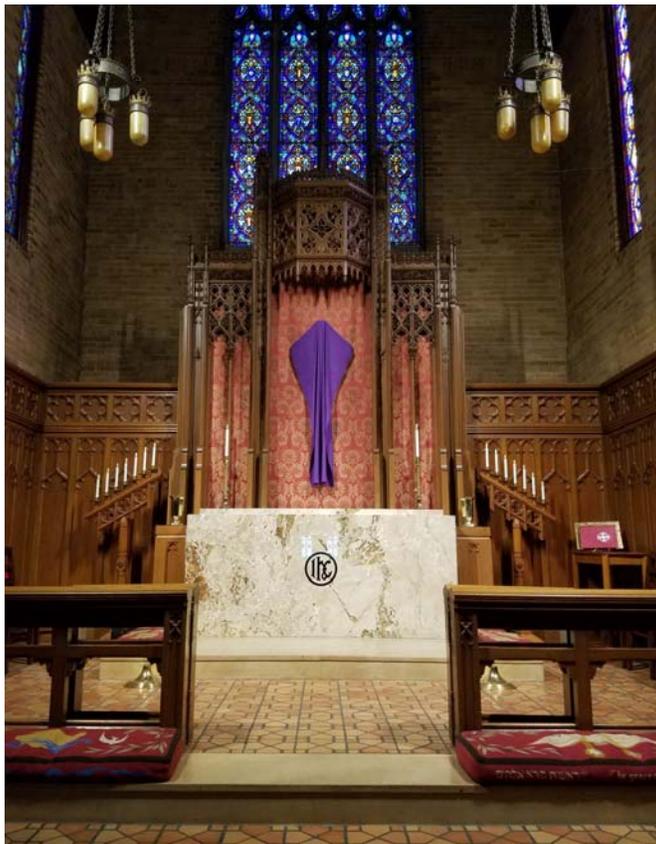
Therefore,

Because *God is Three-In-One*, we gather to worship God as a community, as a body of related and connected parts, united by the overarching story of God's love, revealed in creation, revealed in holy scripture, revealed in the person Jesus Christ, and revealed in the workings of the Holy Spirit in individual lives and in the life of the Church.

Because *God is the source of all that is good and honorable, beautiful and true*, the people of Mount Olive strive to honor God with music, word, and ritual that is true, to honor God with the most excellent we can offer, to honor God with beauty, and to place God at the center of all we do: in proclamation, in song, in rite, in speech, and, transformed by encounter with the Holy One, in life outside these walls. Because *God is merciful and forgiving*, we strive to approach our tasks in worship with reverence toward God and with grace, benevolence, and lovingkindness toward each other.

Because *God created all things, blessed them, and called them good, beautiful – tov*; and because God loves creation so much that God entered fully into it in the person Jesus Christ, the people of Mount Olive honor and use basic elements of earth in worship: water, fire, smoke, oil, bread, wine, as well as our bodies and all five senses - through ritual, gesture, posture, movement, silence, touch, taste, smell, sight, and hearing.

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## Sunday Readings

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

I Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

## Sunday Adult Forum

**This Sunday, February 25:** "What Can a Table Tell Us About Jesus's World?" – part 2 of a 2-part series presented by Professor Earl Schwartz

In these two sessions we explore nine references in the Synoptic Gospels to Jesus being hungry or participating in a meal, references which draw us both in around tables, and out into the larger social, cultural, political and physical environment in which Jesus lived.

Earl Schwartz is Assistant Professor of Social Justice, Religion, and Middle Eastern Studies at Hamline University, St. Paul, and has directed the College of Liberal Arts interdisciplinary program in social justice since its inception in 1999.

**Next Sunday, March 11:** "To Hear With the Ears of the Heart: Celebrating the Liturgy of God's Word," presented by Fr. Jan Michael Joncas

Rev. Jan Michael Joncas is University Artist-in-Residence in the Center for Catholic Studies at University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. He has graduate degrees from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute in Rome and from Notre Dame. He writes and lectures on the conciliar documents of Vatican II, including on the *Pray Tell* blog, and has written many fine hymns used across the Church in the United States and Canada.

## Transitions Support Group to Meet Saturday, March 10, 2018

The Transitions Support Group will hold its next get together on Saturday, March 10, from 11:00 – noon, in the Library at Mount Olive. Please note day and time change.

For more information, please contact Cathy Bosworth 612-708-1144, [marcat8447@yahoo.com](mailto:marcat8447@yahoo.com) or Heather Halen 612-822-0953, [hjoyhalen@hotmail.com](mailto:hjoyhalen@hotmail.com).

## Lenten Devotional Booklet Available

*The Grain of Wheat: A Lenten Journey for 2018, the Year of Mark*, by Susan Palo Cherwien, is a Lenten devotional guide which is available for use this Lenten season. Hard copies of the booklet are available at church, near the coat room. It is also available as a daily blog online at [www.grainofwheat2018.blogspot.com](http://www.grainofwheat2018.blogspot.com).

## Book Discussion

For their March 10 meeting, the Discussion Group will read *Tender at the Bone*, by Ruth Reichl. On April 14, two books: *The Stranger* by Albert Camus and *The Meursault Investigation* by Kamel Daoud.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the West Assembly area.

All readers welcome!

## ***Calendar***

### **Wednesday, February 28**

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
Noon *Midweek Lenten Eucharist*  
1:00 pm Soup Luncheon  
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper  
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal  
6:00 pm Soup Supper / Internship Committee meeting  
**7:00 pm** *Midweek Lenten Vespers*  
7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **Friday, March 2**

6:00 pm N.A. social event

### **Saturday, March 3**

9:30 am Confirmation  
11:0 am Diaper Depot open  
Noon Community Meal  
1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting

### **Sunday, March 4 - Third Sunday in Lent**

**8:00 am** *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship  
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum  
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and fellowship  
Noon Theological Discussion Group

### **Monday, March 5**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **Tuesday, March 6**

Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open  
7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting  
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

## **Norwegian Women's Choir Concert**

### ***Saturday, March 24, 4:00 pm***

The Women's Choral Society of the University of Oslo (Norway) will present a concert at Mount Olive on Saturday, March 24, at 4:00 pm.

This choir is the official women's choir at the University of Oslo, and was founded in 1895. It is the oldest academic women's choir in the world. Their repertoire includes Norwegian folk music in new as well as traditional arrangements, and also newly written music, with great harmonies and exciting dissonances. All are invited!

## ***Wednesdays in Lent***

- ✦ **Holy Eucharist at Noon, followed by soup luncheon**
- ✦ **Evening Prayer at 7 pm, preceded by soup supper at 6 pm.**

## **Interested in Learning More?**

Shortly after Easter we will have a gathering of those interested in learning more about a partnership trip in 2019 to India to visit Bethania Kids. Would you like more information? Would you like to learn if this trip is for you? Would you like to understand what financial help is available? Would you like input in picking dates? Would you like to understand how both you and Bethania Kids will be changed by such a trip? If you answer yes to any of these questions, grab a yellow interest sheet on the Bethania table and fill it out. Leave it there, or better yet, leave it in the office to be put in the Missions Committee box. We'll contact you as we set the best meeting time and place.

## News From the Neighborhood

*Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach and Ministry*

### *Severe Weather Team - can you help?*

The Hennepin County Office for Ending Homelessness has asked Mount Olive if we would be willing to create a system to be a place that those experiencing homelessness could come to in the case of severe weather.

Too hot or too cold conditions are dangerous for people to be exposed to, and due to the shelters being closed during the day, they are looking for safe spaces that are open and willing to create space for them. Because of the particular location of Mount Olive and our reputation as a helping church, we would be well suited for this, but need a team to help organize and serve on days of extreme weather. They would set up an area, serve some coffee or lemonade, or set up an activity for people passing the time.

If you think you could be one of those people, please contact Anna S: 612-827-5919 or by email to [neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org) to learn more. Thank you!



***March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!***

***Help Squash Hunger!***

***Donate to the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign  
for Community Emergency Service (CES)***

\*Hunger facts: 1 in 10 Minnesotans, or more than 500,000 state residents, are food insecure on a regular basis. Over 3,000,000 visits are made to Minnesota food shelves each year.

Throughout the month of March, Mount Olive will be collecting food, hygiene items, and monetary gifts to help our neighbors who face hunger. Boxes will be out in the main assembly areas from March 5 - March 26. Consider bringing items such as:

**FOOD:** *Cooking Oil, Flour, Sugar, Beef stew, Chili, Canned meat, Canned fruit, Canned/bagged pasta meals, Canned tomatoes, Coffee in small bags, Jelly, jam, 100% fruit juice*

**HYGIENE:** *Toothbrush/paste, Bar soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Shaving cream, Razors, Feminine products, Adult diapers (men's & women's), Toilet paper, laundry soap, Dishwashing soap (small bottles).*

\* Please don't give expired items or use this opportunity to clean out your cupboards : )

Can you help bring our collected items to Community Emergency Services? Please contact Anna S. to help haul over our stash and get a tour of CES!

## **Every Church a Peace Church March Potluck**

The bi-monthly potluck meeting of Every Church a Peace Church will be held on Monday, March 19, 6:30 pm at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (4537 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Minneapolis). All are welcome to come for support, networking, delicious food and an outstanding program.

The March program is a presentation by Ms. Leah Jaslow, Donor Services and Engagement Assistant at the American Refugee Committee. Her presentation, "The Refugee Crisis: Putting Refugees First," will cover the current refugee crisis (the worst since WWII) and how the American Refugee Committee is using a human-centered design approach to help refugees survive conflict and rebuild lives of dignity, health, security, and self-sufficiency.

## **Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) - Free Tour - "Stories of the Faithful," led by Bill Wilson, Mia Docent - Places Still Available**

There are still a few places left for the tour "Stories of the Faithful" at the Minneapolis Institute of Art on Saturday, March 24, at 10:30 am. The 60-minute tour includes works centered on the lives of Jesus and John the Baptist. The maximum number for the tour is 15. The group will lunch at Christos following the tour to continue conversation on the works viewed. The tour and admission to the museum are free, although Mia always welcomes donations. If you wish to attend, please contact Susan Cherwien at [susan.cherwien@gmail.com](mailto:susan.cherwien@gmail.com) as soon as possible to reserve a place. Please include a contact phone number in your email, and whether you are also interested in lunch. If more than 15 people are interested, Bill has expressed a willingness to schedule a second tour.

## **The National Lutheran Choir to Present "Call to Prayer"**

The National Lutheran Choir presents an evening of song from three sacred prayer traditions together with the Augsburg Choir, Hazzan Joanna Dulkan, and New York guest artist Zafer Tawil. Concluding a landmark season dedicated to the art and legacy of the Protestant Reformation, "Call to Prayer" will feature a new commission by Maryland composer Joshua Fishbein entitled "Allahu Echad: God is One."

*Saturday, March 3, 7:30 pm - Hoversten Chapel, Augsburg University, Minneapolis*

*Sunday, March 4, 4:00 pm - Adath Jeshurun Congregation Synagogue, Minnetonka, MN*

For tickets, call Brown Paper Tickets 1-800-838-3006 or order online at [NLCA.com](http://NLCA.com).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:30 - Confirmation 11 am – Diaper Depot open Noon – Community Meal  1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blue Ox Coffee Co.
<b>4 – Third Sunday in Lent</b> FOOD COLLECTION <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b> Noon – Theological Discussion	5  7 pm – N.A.	6 Noon – Bible Study 4:00 pm – Diaper Depot Open 7 pm – NLC rehearsal 7 pm – Missions Committee	<b>7</b> 9 am – Staff Mtng. <b>Noon – Midweek Eucharist</b> 1 pm – Soup Luncheon 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6 pm – Soup Supper 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal <b>7 pm – Evening Prayer</b> 7:30 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	8	9	10  9:30 – Confirmation  10 am – Book Discussion 11 am – N.A. Speaker event
<b>11 – Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b>  6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Dinner	12  7 pm – Vestry meeting  7 pm – N.A.	13 Noon – Bible Study 4:00 pm – Diaper Depot Open 7 pm – NLC rehearsal	14 9 am – Staff Mtng. <b>Noon – Midweek Eucharist</b> 1 pm – Soup Luncheon 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6 pm – Soup Supper 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal <b>7 pm – Evening Prayer</b> 7:30 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	15	16	17 9:30 – Confirmation 10 am – Music & Fine Arts Comm.  11 am – Diaper Depot open  Noon – Community Meal
<b>18 – Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>  <b>8 am – Eucharist</b> 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. <b>10:45 – Eucharist</b>	19  6:30 pm – ReconcilingW orks Committee meeting  7 pm – N.A.	20 Noon - Bible Study 1-3 pm – CoAM Advisory Comm. meeting  4:00 pm – Diaper Depot Open 7 pm – NLC rehearsal	21 9 am – Staff Mtng. <b>Noon – Midweek Eucharist</b> 1 pm – Soup Luncheon 5:30 pm – Children’s Choir meal 6 pm – Soup Supper 6:00 pm – Children’s Choir rehearsal <b>7 pm – Evening Prayer</b> 7:30 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A..	22	23	24 9:30 – Confirmation 10:30 am – Mpls. Institute of Arts tour  4 pm – MFA Event: Women’s Choral Society of the University of Oslo
<b>25 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday</b>  <b>8 &amp; 10:45 – Eucharist</b> No Education Hour this week	<b>26 – Monday in Holy Week</b>  <b>Noon – Daily Prayer</b>  7 pm – N.A.	<b>27– Tuesday in Holy Week</b>  <b>Noon – Daily Prayer,</b> followed by – Bible Study  4:00 pm – Diaper Depot Open	<b>28 – Wednesday in Holy Week</b> 9 am – Staff Mtng.  <b>Noon – Daily Prayer</b>  7:00 pm – Cantorei 8 pm – N.A.	<b>29– Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Noon – Maundy Thursday Eucharist</b>  <b>7 pm – Maundy Thursday Eucharist, with Washing of Feet</b>	<b>30– Good Friday</b>  <b>Noon – Stations of the Cross</b>  <b>7 pm – Adoration of the Cross</b>	<b>31– Holy Saturday</b> 10 am – Vigil rehearsal  <b>8:30 pm – Easter Vigil, followed by festive reception</b>

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Because *God is ultimately Mystery*, because God cannot be totally known, the people of Mount Olive use the gifts of silence, darkness, symbol, ritual, metaphor, sacred story, incense, chant, reverence, and a keeping of sacred space in worshiping God.

Because *God is God through all space and through all time*, in worship the people of Mount Olive honor and use the historic Mass form – ordo – of the Lutheran Church and its antecedents in the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christian liturgy, where they are discerned to be true, excellent, beautiful, God-centered, and appropriate. We honor our ancestors in the Church by the singing of hymns and chants from across history and the globe, and acknowledge the ongoing work of the Spirit of God by using newly composed hymns, rites and texts, under the same criteria: that they are true, excellent, beautiful, God-centered, appropriate, and able to bear the weight of mystery.

Because the dance of the Trinity teaches us that *God is relational*, the people of Mount Olive desire to welcome all who come here to worship – in part, by enthusiastic participation in and practiced knowledge of the liturgy, as well as by the ongoing reevaluation for truth and beauty of texts, music and ritual used in the worship of God, and by a continual assessment and discernment of what is being signified by the words, actions, song, and shape of the liturgy. This underlying ritual welcoming does not preclude or replace the personal encounter outside of worship with all who come to gather here.

Because *worship of God is autotelic*, an end in itself, the people of Mount Olive strive to ensure that the liturgy is designed and intended for worship of God, and worship of God alone, and not intended for any other goal or purpose, although that is not to say that God through the Risen Christ and the Spirit can in any way be limited in the transformation possible in the liturgical actions of the community.

Therefore,  
may all efforts to worship God at Mount Olive be guided by a desire for

truth  
beauty  
excellence  
God-centeredness  
appropriateness  
acknowledgement of mystery  
and  
community.

- Mount Olive Lutheran Church Worship Committee  
February 2018

## Anna Helgen Ordination Mar. 17

We rejoice at the Church's call to one of our own! Former vicar Anna Helgen has been called as associate pastor to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. She invites all at Mount Olive to be with her as she is set apart to this ministry in the Church. Her ordination is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, at 2:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. S., Minneapolis. There will be a light reception following.

*Anna also wrote this in her invitation to Mount Olive:*

"If you like to sing, I invite you to join the pop-up choir (directed by Ralph Johnson and accompanied by my uncle John Helgen). Rehearsal is from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A light lunch is provided for choir participants. Please let me know by Saturday, March 10, if you'd like to sing in the choir so I can email you the music ahead of time (and so we have an accurate count for lunch!). My email address is [ahelgen@mtolivet.org](mailto:ahelgen@mtolivet.org).

Thank you for your many years of support and encouragement. It will be a special day to share with the great cloud of witnesses!"

– Anna

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## If Not Now, When?

The famous Jewish religious leader, Rabbi Hillel, once asked, "If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?" At JRLC's Day on the Hill 2018, hundreds of people of faith will gather to ask themselves, their communities, and their representatives: If we do not work towards social justice now, when?

Join faithful advocates from across the state on March 13, 2018, to reflect on why we make our voices heard, to plan for continued actions in our home communities, and to speak with representatives at the State Capitol.

For more information and to register visit [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org) or pick up a brochure on the kiosk in the west assembly.

## Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America*

**Sunday Eucharist: 8:00 & 10:45 am**

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### **Staff**

Pastor – *Joseph Crippen*

Cantor – *David Cherwien*

Vicar – *Jessica Christy*

Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach  
and Ministry – *Anna Scott*

Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

Sexton – *James Wilkes*

*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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