



The Olive Branch

April 18, 2018

Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien* The Great 50 Days

We're in the "high" season, the great 50 days of Easter! From Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday spans the churches highest celebration. The Liturgy is at its fullest.

From season to season, it is what we do at the entrance of the liturgy that gives a season its uniqueness, bringing out the nature of each. Advent has a simple Kyrie in place of a procession hymn, Epiphany we sing the hymn of the Angels at the birth of Christ, "Glory to God in the Highest," in Lent we alternate between the Great Litany and an extended Kyrie and fast from the word "Alleluia," and in Ordinary Time (for about 6 months!), we mostly sing only an entrance hymn, with no Kyrie or additional hymn of praise.

Yet for the Easter Season, the entrance rite includes the Procession Hymn (with full procession), Kyrie and Hymn

of Praise, "This is the Feast." Indeed, we carry on with praise for the Risen Christ sometimes for nearly 10 minutes! Our praise should be so exuberant, that perhaps we should sing the final note of "This is the Feast," wipe our brows and say "Wow! That was hard work, but we meant it!"

We observe the full Gospel Procession, reading the Gospel from amidst the people, symbolizing the incarnation: God with us - in this case, literally among the people. To move the procession there and back we've adopted the song "Be Not Afraid" with worshippers youngest and perhaps oldest among us singing whole-heartedly together; singing "out with joy," accompanied or unaccompanied!

During the Easter season, we also use different posture for the prayers of the people - we remain standing, as an "Easter posture." We also make use of incense, like our prayers, rising to heaven, and awakening all of our senses.

This coming Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (of seven). It is also known as "Shepherd Sunday." The Gospel is John 10:11-18: "I am the Good Shepherd," and the Psalmody is Psalm 23. On the 40th day of Easter, (this year, Thursday, May 10, 2018) we observe the Feast of the Ascension.

May our celebrations continue, so that we wipe our brows and say, "Whew - but all this work is worth it!" (Or should I say, "worthy of it"?)

- Cantor David Cherwien

Sunday Readings

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Congregational Meeting Set for Sunday, April 29

The Vestry has set the semi-annual Congregation Meeting for Sunday, April 29, following the second liturgy. The agenda will include updates on the Bold Step Forward capital appeal and capital projects, as well as exciting news on the Longer Table Lending program which is about to launch.

In addition, the following persons have been recommended for election as leaders of the vestry for the coming year:

President (1 year term): David T Anderson

Vice President (1 year term): Mark Ruff

Secretary (1 year term): Sue Browender

Treasurer (1 year term): Chad King

Directors of:

Education (3 year term): James Bargmann

Property (3 year term): Art Halbardier

Youth (3 year term): Chandler Molbert

All voting members of Mount Olive are encouraged to attend.

Check Out This Beautiful Update on the Chibok Girls

As we continue to pray for the Chibok girls and others taken by Boko Haram, this beautiful piece has been put together to show how the rescued girls are recovering. Take a moment to view this:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/04/11/world/africa/nigeria-boko-haram-girls.html>

When Brad Holt was traveling and teaching in Nigeria last fall, he saw the girls at the University, but was, of course, not allowed to make contact with them.

We continue to pray for their healing.

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group will not meet this Saturday, April 14. They will move discussion of their next books, *The Stranger* by Albert Camus, and *The Meursault Investigation* by Kamel Daoud to their May meeting on May 12. For the June 9 meeting, they'll read *The Spire*, by William Golding.

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!

Thursday Evening Study

"Beloved, God's Chosen?" is the title of the Thursday evening Bible study that began on Apr. 12. Pr. Crippen is leading this 6-week study that hopes to look at Scripture with fresh eyes on the questions of salvation: what is God doing in salvation? What does it mean for us? What does God think about us? What happens at the cross? How and why and when does God forgive our sins? This Bible study meets in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings, for six weeks, and all are welcome.

As always, there will be a light supper preceding the study each week.

Calendar

Wednesday, April 18

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
- 6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, April 19

- 6:00 pm Bible Study

Saturday, April 21

- 9:30 am Spring Clean-Up
- 9:30 am Confirmation
- 11:00 am Diaper Depot
- Noon Community Meal

Sunday, April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
- 9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
- 10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
- Noon 90th birthday reception for Naomi Peterson
- Noon Bethania Mission Trip meeting
- 4:00 pm MFA Event: Strikepoint Handbell Choir, reception follows

Monday, April 23

- 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting
- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 24

- Noon Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

Sunday Adult Forum

• This Sunday, April 22

"God is King: Wrestling with a Metaphor in the Psalms," part two of a two-part series presented by Vicar Jessica Christy.

The language of God's kingship is central to scripture, but it can be a fraught metaphor for the modern church. These two sessions will examine the metaphor's range of meaning within the psalms and its implications for our worship life together.

• Next Sunday, April 29:

"Authority," presented by Paul C. Stone.

How can free people experience, let alone understand it? How may we contemplate individuals striving for liberty without committees?

Paul Stone is lecturer in American political and institutional history at the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He has degrees from Harvard and Duke Divinity School and is a licensed lay reader in the Episcopal Church.

Earth Day Clean Up

April 21, 9:30 am - Noon

Let's join our neighborhood and show some Springtime love to our streets! On Saturday April 21 from 9:30-12:00, the Powderhorn Park neighborhood is having an Earth Day Clean-up. We will work in teams to do some needed cleaning up around our building - **if the snow has finally left us!**

Mount Olive folks will meet at 9:30 am at church and head out to clean up. Bags, some gloves, and good company supplied. Then stick around for the community meal at 12:00 if you can. See you there!

You're Invited!

The family of Naomi Peterson will host a reception to celebrate her 90th birthday following the second liturgy this Sunday, April 22. They would welcome your attendance.

**The Ascension
of Our Lord
Thursday, May 10
Holy Eucharist
at 7:00 pm
All are welcome.**

Benefit for TRUST Parish Nursing

Caritas Vocal Ensemble will present a benefit concert for TRUST Parish Nursing on Saturday, April 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 4842 Nicollet Ave. S.

Dinner begins at 5:00 pm, and The concert begins at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$25 for concert and dinner. For the concert only, tickets are \$15 general, \$10 for students and seniors.

MENU - Salad, Something Italian, French Bread, Dessert

Call 612-827-6159, or email trust@trustinc.org for dinner reservations.

Information Meeting for Bethania Trip to be Held April 22

Calling all those interested in learning more about traveling to India in 2019 to visit Bethania Kids. Grab a cup of coffee and come to the undercroft for preliminary discussion after second liturgy on Sunday, April 22. Bring your questions, suggestions, concerns, hopes. 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, come! We'll plan on meeting for no more than one hour. Feel free to send questions ahead of time to missions@mountolivechurch.org or call Judy Hinck, 612-812-7342.

The Church Cantatas of J. S. Bach

April 10 @ 6:30 pm - May 15 @ 8:30 pm

John Setterlund and Paul Westermeyer, Chaplain and Dean of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will lead six Tuesday night sessions, April 10 through May 15, 6:30-8:30, about Bach Cantatas, at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Victoria and D in Roseville (3115 Victoria St. N., Roseville, MN 55113).

Specific cantatas, Bach's life, faith, theology, the worship of the church where he worked, and Bach today will be discussed. (Bach's Cantata 100 will be part of the Word portion of the 9:00 A. M. Eucharist, just as in Bach's Leipzig, on Sunday, May 13, at The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.) All are welcome.

There is a one-time \$20.00 registration fee which covers all six sessions. Register in the church office with Rachel Wright at rwright@lcrelca.org or 651.484.1292.



Restorative Justice Community Action Fundraiser

It's time to party! We turned 21 and want you to join us in a night of food, fun, and giving. You will have an opportunity to bid on exciting items including autographed photo of Stefon Diggs,

four one-day tickets to Disney Theme park, a wine tasting for a party of 20 from Total Wine, and tickets to the Minnesota Orchestra and the Timberwolves. Don't forget the fabulous Wine/Beer Raffle!

Besides supporting RJCA through the Silent Auction and raffle, help us raise our goal of \$5,000 in financial contributions, including sustained giving commitments. Each and every dollar helps RJCA to bring people together to make things right, year after year.

For \$40 you can celebrate with us by [getting your tickets now](#):

If you are unable to join us, please [DONATE NOW](#).



Strikepoint Handbell Choir to Play at Mount Olive This Sunday

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 4:00 pm

Mount Olive Music & Fine Arts will host Strikepoint, a church-based handbell ensemble from Duluth, Minnesota, on Sunday, April 22 at 4:00 pm.

Led by player-coach [Bill Alexander](#), this eleven-member group performs in a directorless ensemble setting. College students and community members have joined with selected ringers from the five bell choirs at

Duluth's First United Methodist Church to provide a consistently high level of musicianship since Strikepoint began in 1984. Strikepointers are often high school students, and sometimes as young as 13.

A reception follows the concert in the Chapel Lounge.

Transitions Support Group Next Meeting: Saturday, May 12, 2018

This group will hold its next get together at 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 or Heather Halen 612-822-0953, hjoyhalen@hotmail.com.



Messy Conversations: Understanding and Addressing Implicit Bias

Facilitated by *Dr. Raj

Saturday, April 28th, 9am-12pm

Minnetonka United Methodist Church

17611 Lake Street Extension, Minnetonka

Please send RSVP to info@rjca-inc.org by Thursday, April 26th

*Dr. Raj is Assistant Professor in the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University and is the 2016 recipient of the St. Paul Foundation's Facing Race Ambassador Award.

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congregation.*



Christ
is
Risen!