



The Olive Branch

May 13, 2018

Sunday Readings

May 20, 2018

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-24, 35b

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

May 27, 2018

The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Accent on Worship

Cantor David Cherwien

Pentecost

From the ELW resource *Keeping Time*: "The celebration of Easter concludes with the Eighth Sunday of Easter, the Day of Pentecost. Just as Sunday is the eighth day, the new day for the Christian life, so Pentecost is the eighth Sunday of Easter, Christ's giving over of his Spirit to the church. The celebration is set on the fiftieth day, in observance of the chronology from Luke. The Jewish festival of Pentecost is the observance of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. By fixing the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, Luke layers the assembly of the believers onto the people of Israel, the tongues of fire on their heads onto the people of Israel, the tongues of fire on their heads onto the fire on Mount Sinai, the Holy Spirit onto God's giving of the law. For Jews encountering this narrative, the Christian message would be clear: God is doing a new thing with the pattern of the old sacred story."

Thus, rather than being its own season, or celebration, Pentecost is connected to the Resurrection. "According to John's gospel, the resurrection of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are not separated events: the meaning of one is the meaning of the other. Pentecost proclaims the death and resurrection of Christ by celebrating the outpouring of the Spirit of the risen Lord on the community of believers."

At Mount Olive, several unusual things happen on the high festival weekend of Pentecost. For one, we precede the day with an "Eve" service - the evening prior, just as we do for Christmas and Easter. We hold the "Vigil of Pentecost" on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. This is a peaceful, more quiet than not service of Evening Prayer. On Pentecost day, our festive liturgy includes reading the Acts story with multiple languages, as the account recalls.

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We sing the extensive and ancient sequence hymn, *Veni creator spiritus* (Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove). It brings the festival season to a close, as we look to Ordinary Time; the time of growth.

Musically, I think of Pentecost as more French (mystery of Pentecost), and Trinity Sunday as more Germanic (more of a Doctrine). To me, French music embraces mystery – with harmonies and even use of scales that we’re not often familiar with but still have a definite order to them. German music embraces structure, not unlike doctrinal concepts, and are the structure of our creation and thinking. Both are important musical facets, but I do love the juxtaposition of mystery and doctrine between these two weeks.

So as the prelude on Pentecost Sunday, I’ll be using Parisian organist/composer Olivier Messiaen’s “Vision of the Eternal Church” which oozes mystery in its complex harmonic clusters, which climb to a majestic climax before deflating to a distant yet not complete end. On Trinity Sunday, Bach’s E-flat Prelude and Fugue will serve as prelude and postlude, also called “The Trinity.” The number three is very prominent – three flats, three sections in both the prelude and fugue, and in the case of the fugue, the triple fugue ends with combining all three fugue subjects – like the Trinity itself.

Much comes before us in this week and the following. I’d say after all this festivity, we will certainly welcome the reductions of ordinary time – one service, the choir takes its break, the liturgy a bit more simple in its structure, a bit more relaxed (At least such as that goes here at Mount Olive).

We’ve much to sing about, don’t you think?

- Cantor David Cherwien

Vigil of Pentecost
Saturday, May 19, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Book Discussion

For the June 9 meeting, the Book Discussion group will read *The Spire*, by William Golding. For July 14, they will read *Moscow Nights: The Van Cliburn Story*, by Nigel Cliff; and for August 11 "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance.

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, through May 24, and all are welcome.

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

Calendar

Wednesday, May 16

10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, May 17

6:00 pm Bible Study

Saturday, May 19

9:30 am Confirmation
10:00 am Evangelism Workshop
11am-1pm Diaper Depot open
Noon Community Meal
2:00 pm **Funeral Eucharist: Marion Druschel**
7:00 pm **Vigil of Pentecost**

Sunday, May 20 – Day of Pentecost

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee & conversation
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee & conversation

Monday, May 21

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 22

Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

Windows Into Palestine

This weekend, Thursday thru Sunday, Westminster Presbyterian Church downtown is hosting a chance to learn about and “encounter the heart of a people through art.” This three day festival of Palestinian art and culture includes visual art, music, film, food and an authentic spice market. Of special interest to the people of Mount Olive in our support of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, Saturday, 12:00-1:45, “I Love Bethlehem,” five short documentary films created by filmmaking students at Dar Al Kalima University in Bethlehem, one of the the Bright Stars ministries. For the whole schedule, visit www.windowstopalestine.org/schedule/.

In this week of unrest, this seems an especially important celebration.

June Book Study of James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*

For three Sundays in June, David Engen will lead a book study of the late James H. Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, a book connecting the continuing oppression and suffering of African Americans with Christ's crucifixion.

The study will take place on June 10, 17, and 24, after the 10:00 liturgy and coffee hour. A number of copies have been ordered from Orbis Books and will be available for purchase though the church office on weekdays and in the West Commons on Sundays.

For more information, contact Susan Cherwien at susan.cherwien@gmail.com.

Wear Red on Pentecost – This Sunday!

A fun Mount Olive custom is to wear red to church on the Day of Pentecost.

Wearing red on Pentecost symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit, celebrated on that day. So – if you like – wear something red to church this Sunday!

Summer Worship Time Changes to Ten

The Vestry has approved the Worship Committee's recommendation to move the summer Sunday Eucharist time to 10:00 a.m. for this year. The summer schedule runs from Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 27, through Labor Day weekend, Sunday, Sept. 2. This change is part of a broader conversation about our Sunday Eucharist times. With geothermal air conditioning in the nave, one of the reasons for a single summer liturgy, high heat later in the morning, is changed. But we also have heard from some of our older members that the 9:30 a.m. time is a little too early for them to be able to get here, so this temporary change seemed wise.

This spring, Worship Committee had a long discussion about whether we might keep our two service schedule for the whole year, or if there were other reasons for one liturgy during the summer, and what would be a good time for that single liturgy. The committee is working on a way to get a sense of what the congregation feels about the question, so watch for opportunities for feedback. In the meantime, all are welcome to reach Rob Ruff, director of the Worship Committee, at worship@mountolivechurch.org, with any thoughts.

Church Library News

Do you love a bargain? Most of us do? We invite YOU ALL to stop by the North hallway at Mount Olive church on Sundays, MAY 20 and 27 to browse at the Bargain Book display that will await you there! (And to make this bargain even more helpful – these books are all FREE for your taking! To explain further, our church library has long needed extra shelf space and now, thanks to Bonnie McLellan, who recently did some “weeding” for us (this means books that have become outdated, unreliable, or just plain not useful in terms of being checked out anymore) approximately 100+ or so have been pulled from the shelves and thus, we thought you all might want to have a chance to browse amongst everything on display to see if something might still be of interest to you. And remember we promised you a Book Bargain – anything you wish to take home with you is FREE. In fact, you might want to bring along with you to church each Sunday an extra tote bag or grocery sack to help you with whatever you choose to find appealing! Plus we thank you too, anything left over after the two Sunday displays will be marked for the recycling bin.

Now that we have covered that topic, it is always timely to remind you to look around your homes as you do your Spring cleaning for books or other media that has a Mount Olive library identification stamp on it and get it back to us as promptly as possible.

Closing with a couple of interesting quotations that you might like: “Walking into a library is a wonderful thing. It is like all your friends are there waving their pages at you!” – and from *Title Waves for Books* – “A library in the middle of a community is a cross between an emergency exit, a life raft, and a festival. These specific places are Cathedrals for the Mind.”

Happy Spring Reading!

- Leanna Kloempken

News From the Neighborhood

Summer A.C.T.S.

(Addults, Children Teaming to Serve)

This is going to be fun! Neighborhood Ministries Summer Program this year is an opportunity for adults and youth from the congregation and community to work together on “jobs” with meaning and purpose while building relationships and learning from each other.

The program will run 4 half-days a week for 4 weeks from **June 18th through July 12th (9:00 am to 1:00 pm** including a light lunch). Youth ages 11 to 14 can work for 4 weeks, 2 half-days a week on either Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays and earn \$30/week. Adults can volunteer to work on a team with youth for any length of time – whatever fits into your schedule. Each week we will focus on a different community project and skill building. The program will culminate on July 13th with a celebration!

Do you have a child, grandchild, or friend who would like to work this summer, earn a little cash, and gain new skills at the same time? Would you like to be part of the action as a mentor? Are you available this summer and looking for a way to serve as a mentor, helper, or kitchen extraordinaire? WE NEED YOU!

Applications for participants will be located outside the church office or from Anna Scott.

If you are interested in any way, please contact Anna Scott, Coordinator of Neighborhood Outreach and Ministry, at 612-827-5919, by email to neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org, or just talk to her on Sunday.

****Looking for a unique way to be involved? We need help in the kitchen preparing lunches or with talking with kids about financial responsibility. Can you offer an hour or so any days?



Pictured here: Mount Olive Missions Committee with Archbishop Musa and Pr. Ruth Filibus.

Archbishop at Mount Olive

Last Monday the Missions Committee had the privilege of hosting Archbishop Musa Filibus of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, his wife, Pastor Ruth, and members of other congregations in the Minneapolis Area Synod which are also in partnership with the LCCN. We learned much from this generous and gracious man about the challenges in Nigeria, about his dream of Bronnum Seminary becoming the first Lutheran University in Nigeria, and about his enthusiasm for Mount Olive's partnership plans with Bronnum. We hope to continue conversations with the other Synod partner parishes. Look forward to hearing and learning more.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6pm – N.A. social event	2 BACH TAGE 11 am – Diaper Depot open Noon – Community Meal 1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group 4 pm – Bach Tage recital, followed by reception
3 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost FOOD COLLECTION 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship Noon – Theological Discussion 5 pm – Bach Cantata Vespers , followed by reception	4 7 pm – Evangelism Comm mtng 7 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	5 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open 7 pm – Missions Committee mtng	6 10 am – Staff meeting 5:30 pm – Neighborhood Ministries Comm. mtng. 8 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	7	8 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	9 10am-10pm – N.A. speaker event 10 am – Book Discussion group
10– 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship Noon – Book Study 6:45 pm – Mount Olive serves Our Saviour’s Meal	11 7 pm – Vestry meeting 7 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	12 Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open	13 10 am – Staff meeting 8 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	14	15	16 11 am – Diaper Depot open Noon – Community Meal
17– 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship Noon – Book Study	18 9am-1pm Summer ACTS 7 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	19 9am-1pm Summer ACTS Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open	20 9am-1pm Summer ACTS 10 am – Staff meeting 8 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	21 9am-1pm Summer ACTS Noon-6 Hearing Health Foundation Workshop	22 7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support Group	23
24– 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am – Eucharist 11:30 am - Coffee Fellowship Noon – Book Study	25 9am-1pm Summer ACTS 7 pm – Worship Committee 7 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	26 9am-1pm Summer ACTS Noon – Bible Study 4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open	27 9am-1pm Summer ACTS 10 am – Staff meeting 6 pm – Internship Committee 8 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	28 9am-1pm Summer ACTS	29	30

Step by **BOLD STEP FORWARD**

Spring at last has sprung, and work to complete the project is quickly moving forward. Here's what to anticipate in the coming weeks:

Parking Lot: Concrete work, landscaping, and paver installation are planned for this week, perhaps running into next. The pad for relocating the bus shelter is poured; the actual installation of a new shelter and electrical work will be done by Metro Transit. Final paving and striping of the lot requires a week of no traffic on the surface, so it will begin on a Monday to allow time for the asphalt to completely cure before the next Sunday. Most likely is the week of May 28. The plan is to keep the lot available for parking on Sundays.

Front Entrance and Canopy: Some structural and electrical preparation is done. Installation of the new entrance and door is planned for this week. The canopy and sidewalk repairs will follow in the next few weeks –waiting for a permit from Minneapolis.

West Gallery/Organ: The project currently going on around the organ involves a redesign and rebuilding of the original installation, which wasn't satisfactory. The noise generated by the heat pump and the air delivery was totally unacceptable. So, it was back to the drawing boards. We have been promised the new installation will be wrapped up by the last week of May. Just in time! We've had our 3 days of spring, so it's likely to be summer heat and humidity any day now. The new organ pipes should be installed the second week of June.

Thanks for your patience throughout the ups and downs of this project.

Every Church a Peace Church Bi-Monthly Meeting for May

The next regular bimonthly potluck supper meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 6:30 p.m., at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 4537 3rd Ave. S. in Minneapolis (*parking lot access). Contact information for St. Joan of Arc: Phone - 612-823-8205, on the web - www.stjoan.com

The speaker for this meeting is Colleen Rowley. Her presentation is "Recipe Concocted for Perpetual War." Ms. Rowley is a retired FBI agent and former Minneapolis Division Legal Counsel, who disclosed serious pre- 9/11 FBI failures to the Joint Intelligence Committee Inquiry, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and to the Inspector General of the Department of Justice. Rowley was consequently selected along with two other whistleblowers as Time Magazine's 2002 "Persons of the Year."

Rowley will focus her remarks on the mercenary force that was created by the Military Industrial Complex in order to defeat the American public's "Vietnam Syndrome," and the huge bribes that are now being paid in the form of signing and re-enlistment bonuses. She will also discuss how Eric Prince, founder of the infamous "Blackwater" war profiteering company, is now training "Special Force" mercenaries for the Saudi dictators, in all likelihood to be used as our new proxy force in Syria, Yemen, and other Mid-east war zones.

Funeral this Saturday afternoon

Mount Olive is having a funeral Eucharist on Saturday, May 19, at 2:00 p.m. for Marion Druschel. Marion was 104, and died here in the Twin Cities. Her daughter Charlotte lives in another state, and wondered if we'd be willing to have her funeral here. Charlotte is friends with Grace Wiechmann, and that's how she heard of us. I'm announcing this in hopes that we might have some Mount Olive folks come and worship, sing, pray, and lend support to this family. There will be a lunch following the liturgy. Thanks!
- Pr. Crippen

Olive Branch Publication Schedule

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published *every other week*.

Due to vacation schedules, etc., the last weekly issue until fall will be published next week, on May 23.

Save The Date!

On Sunday, July 22, there will be a special tour of the Minnesota State Capitol specifically for Mount Olive members.

Led by John Marty and Lora Dundek, the tour will offer special access to Capitol spaces, and information on the history, art, and architecture of this Minnesota gem.

More information will be available in June. For questions, call or email Lora Dundek.

Christ Church Lutheran to Hold Debut Recital for New Organ

The inaugural recital on the new Christ Church Lutheran pipe organ will be performed by internationally acclaimed organist Gregory Peterson. The recital will take place at 2:00 pm this Sunday, May 20, in the church sanctuary, a National Historic Landmark designed by influential architect Eliel Saarinen in 1949.

The recital is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Christ Church Lutheran is located in the Longfellow neighborhood at 3244 34th Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

The new organ was designed and built by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Lake City, Iowa. This new organ, their Opus 95, also displays Dobson's expertise in using the best from the pipe organ tradition while being tailored to the needs of this particular building and community.

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