

# The Olive Branch

May 23, 2018

## Accent on Worship

*Pastor Joseph Crippen*

### *Imago Dei - 388*

In Genesis 1, God says, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." Genesis 1 also says the Spirit of God was present at creation. John 1 says the Word, the Son of God, was present at creation. So all three Persons of the Trinity were involved in the creation. While the Hebrew Scriptures do not formally speak of a Triune God, perhaps God's use of the plural here is a hint of God's deeper truth.

That raises a profound question as we approach Holy Trinity Sunday. What if the "us" is critical to this whole idea of imago dei, "image of God"? Instead of thinking I am created in the image of God, you are created in the image of God, what happens if we realize the "us" is the image?

We know little more than mystery about the Triune God, but we do know from Jesus that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are one in this same divine life. As the Church grew into this mystery, we've described God's inner life as a dance between the persons, as a life lived in love from each to each, which makes God One even as God is Three. Beyond that, and even sometimes that far, is unfathomable mystery.

But it's enough, if the "us" is the point. Genesis goes on to say, "male and female God created them." The response to "let us make in our image" is to make multiple beings of differing genders who are a "them," who belong to each other.

Perhaps this Trinity Sunday we might want to contemplate more fully what it means to belong to each other in an atmosphere made up of love, in a dance that mirrors God's divine dance. Contemplate more fully how critical it is to the divine image of God in humanity that it is only truly experienced in community, not individually. We

not only matter to each other as fellow creatures of God. We are inseparable from each other in God's eyes, as we live into the reality of being made in the image of a Triune God who is One and yet Many.

The puzzle has many pieces, but only reveals the image when all the pieces are brought together into the whole. So is the reality of our lives together as community in this place, and in community with our fellow creatures across the creation.



## Sunday Readings

May 27, 2018

### The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June 3, 2018

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23 – 3:6

## 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 are 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](mailto:susan.cherwien@gmail.com).

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## 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](mailto:worship@mountolivechurch.org), with any thoughts.

## 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!

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## Thursday Evening Study - Final Week

"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. This Thursday is the final week of this session.

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

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## Calendar

### Wednesday, May 23

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:00 pm Cantorei party at Cherwien home  
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Thursday, May 24

- 6:00 pm Bible Study (final for this session)

### Friday, May 25

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

### Saturday, May 26

- 9:30 am Confirmation

### Sunday, May 27 - The Holy Trinity

#### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS**

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

### Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day holiday

*Church offices closed*

### Tuesday, May 29

- Noon Bible Study  
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

## Church Library News

This Sunday past it was interesting and nice to see quite a few people leaving the Bargain Book display in the North hallway with their arms full of the books we promised to have on display there – at a really bargain price – and that means completely FREE for the taking. This is just a quick reminder that this Sunday, May 27, will be your last chance to visit that special display to see what there might still be there yet that you could find appealing! As we mentioned before, anything left over after these two Sunday displays, will then be marked for the recycling bin.

Closing this time with something we have used before, but it is always timely – Years ago, a man named Gilliman wrote a poem which ends: "You may have tangible wealth untold, caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I, you could never be, for I had a Mother who read to me!" – from "What's So Great About Books."

- Leanna Kloempken

## ***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, this is the last weekly issue until fall. Deadline for the next issue is **Monday, June 4**.

## **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.

## Mount Olive Feeds the Homeless

Every second Sunday of the month our congregation serves the 7 p.m. dinner meal at Our Saviour's Housing, not far from Mount Olive. We are looking for people who like to cook and help with this ministry. There is room for you to be part of this program!

Call Connie Olson or Elaine Halbardier for more information. Olson - 763-544-2381 or [olsonrr@gmail.com](mailto:olsonrr@gmail.com) Halbardier - 763-639-7701 - [ech914@comcast.net](mailto:ech914@comcast.net).

## Bach Tague Events Free and Open to the Public

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Bach Tague will be held at Mount Olive this Sat./Sun., June 2-3. During Bach Tague weekend, participants learn and rehearse a Bach Cantata to be sung at closing Vespers, while deepening their understanding of Bach's music and theology.

The public is invited to these Bach Tague events:

- **Saturday, June 2, 4:00 p.m.** - "Cantatas for Single Voices," featuring Cantatas #82 and #202.
- **Sunday, June 4, 5:00 p.m.** Evening Prayer with Cantata #161

## Save the Date!

### *Fort Wayne Children's Choir to Sing at Mount Olive July 14, 2 pm*

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir offers an afterschool music education curriculum that challenges children musically through singing, while learning a discipline that serves them throughout their lifetime. Using the Kodály philosophy, an approach to music education, FWCC teaches children to read music just as a child learns to read words in a book. Singers attain excellence in artistry and music education through 1) music literacy, 2) education about composers, history, and language related to the music selected, and 3) performances.

Participation in the program provides the platform for children to discover their individual voice and at the same time be part of a larger collaborative performance that artistically enriches their lives and the community-at-large.

The Choir has grown from one choir to nine different ensembles, including a preparatory program, Boychoir, and a community choir serving a rural area. With an annual membership of over 300 children, singers represent northeast Indiana schools, including public, private, and home schools; over 5,000 children have participated in the organization.

## News From the Neighborhood

### Summer A.C.T.S.

(Adults, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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?

### Ramadan 2018 - Taking Heart Open Houses

Ramadan is the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset; in 2018 it falls between the dates of May 15 – June 14. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the “five pillars” of Islam, and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

Taking Heart Open Houses is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Minnesota mosques and Islamic community centers welcome their non-Muslim neighbors for a traditional Iftar, inviting a time of encounter and learning. Growing in popularity, Taking Heart saw more than 1400 people attend Open House Iftar dinners in 2017.

Please visit [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org) to learn more about Taking Heart. Registration is now open so you can sign up for one or more events. Bring a friend and learn more about your Muslim neighbors! These events are free and open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert, Taking Heart Organizer: (412) 638-0680 (cell) or [revcbs11@gmail.com](mailto:revcbs11@gmail.com). For the full list of Iftars or to sign up for any of them, visit to [www.mnchurches.org](http://www.mnchurches.org).

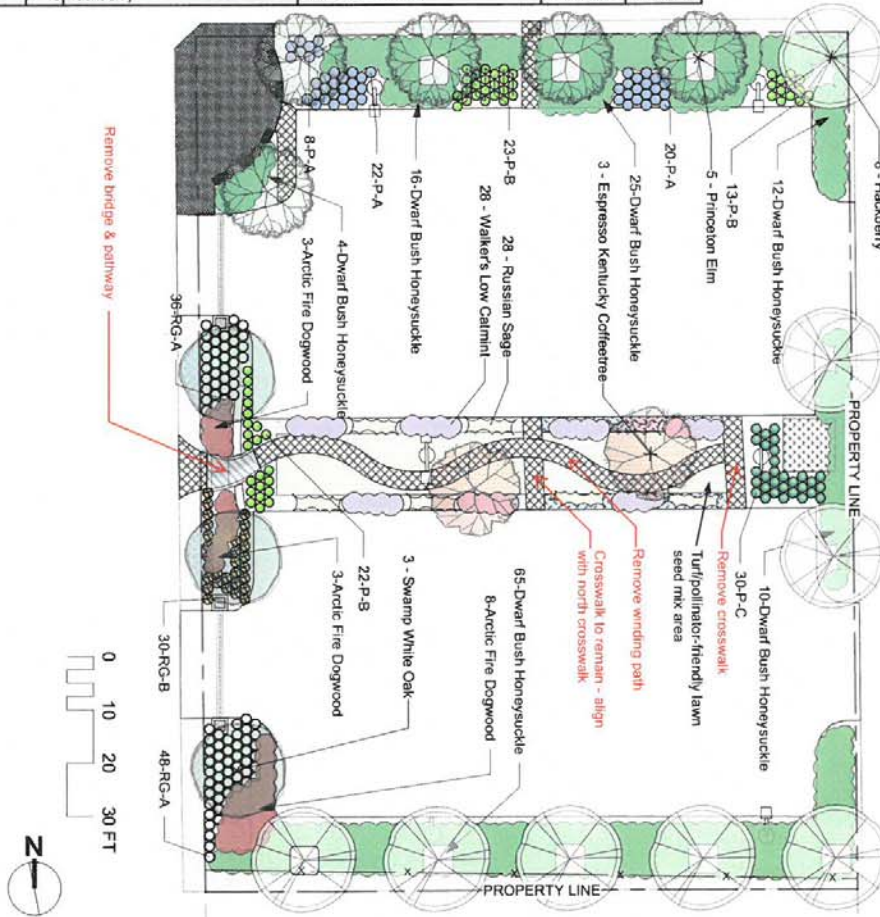
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## MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH PARKING LOT PLANT SCHEDULE

SYM	QTY	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE	SPACING
	28	Walker's Low Catmint	Nepeta 'Walker's Low'	#1	30"
	28	Russian Sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia	#1	30"
P-A	25	Side Oats Grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	#1	24"
	25	Purple Rooster Bee Balm	Monarda 'Purple Rooster'	#1	24"
P-B	29	Prairie Dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	#1	24"
	29	Butterfly Milkweed	Asclepias tuberosa	#1	24"
P-C	15	Little Bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	#1	24"
	15	Rough Blazingstar	Liatris aspera	#1	24"
RG-A	21	Bebb's Sedge	Carex bebbii	#1	24"
	20	Hot Lips Turtlehead	Chelone lyonii 'Hot Lips'	#1	24"
	20	Karl Foerster Grass	Calamagrostis x acutifolia	#1	24"
	20	Purple Dome Aster	Aster novae-angliae 'Purple Dome'	#1	24"
RG-B	12	Blue Flag Iris	Iris versicolor	#1	24"
	12	Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	#1	24"
	12	Purple Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	#1	24"
	12	Shenandoah Switchgrass	Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'	#1	24"
Shrubs	132	Dwarf Bush Honeysuckle	Diervilla lonicera	#1	48"
	14	Arctic Fire Dogwood	Cornus sericea 'Arctic Fire'	#1	48"
Trees	3	Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor	1.75" DBH	Per Plan
	5	Princeton Elm	Ulmus 'Princeton'	1.75" DBH	Per Plan
	2	Espresso Kentucky Coffee Tree	Gymnocladus dioica 'Espresso'	1.75" DBH	Per Plan
	8	Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	1.75" DBH	Per Plan

- NOTES:
- All shaded areas will be covered with mulch
  - No plants are planted in the ROW
  - New soils will be imported in areas converted from parking to greenspace (see site plan and detail sheets)
  - Provide salt-tolerant turf seed mix (pollinator-friendly lawn mix optional)

## Plant Lovers Guide to the Parking Lot



<p>PROJECT: MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH PARKING LOT DESIGN</p> <p>LOCATION: 3045 CHICAGO AVE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407</p>	<p>DESIGNER: SA</p> <p>DATE: 6.3.17</p> <p>REVISION: 7.10.17</p> <p>REVISION:</p> <p>REVISION:</p> <p>REVISION:</p> <p>CHECKED BY: SA</p>
	<p>NOTES: ORIGINAL SHEET SIZE - 11"X17"</p>
<p>PLANTING PLAN</p>	
<p>L1.04</p>	

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

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Administrative Assistant – *Cha Posz*

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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