



The Olive Branch

August 29, 2018

Accent on Worship
Cantor David Cherwien

Sunday Readings

September 2, 2018
**15th Sunday after
Pentecost**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9, 2018
**16th Sunday after
Pentecost**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Have you noticed?

There are several practices in the liturgies here that might be different from “mainstream” churches. Often when I am part of an assembly elsewhere, I am reminded of these, and actually am grateful. Yet, I do not assume that the way we do things is the way it should be everywhere! I’m sure the reverse can be true – some who are part of an assembly here may be grateful for the practices of wherever they may usually be.

One of them is our gathering in silence – even before the prelude begins. What this says to anyone who enters is that we are all here for the same purpose, focusing our attention on God. There are no insiders/outsideers illuminated by socializing in the Nave before anything begins. God is clearly the focus, there are no outsiders in that effort.

We don’t have announcements. I’m amazed at how these especially, in spite of really good intentions, create an “in house” feel, as most announcements have to do with activities other than that liturgy – for which many who are a part of that assembly may be elsewhere, since they may be from elsewhere. I’m also amazed at

a huge assumption that gets made – that if someone is in the assembly for the first time, they are “shopping for a church home.” It’s not about us as a church. The safe assumption is that what everyone who has come is there to do is about God and the gathering is for worship, to hear God’s Word for living as God’s people in the world, and to be nourished at the table. God’s table.

Outside the liturgy (especially after), it is a different thing! Our interaction with people, long time or not says much more about our welcome, and we can and should by all means invite, invite, invite! I am grateful for those among us who are really good at engaging with people, helping make connections, encouraging relationships that might go beyond that day itself.

Another thing is we don’t get verbal instructions from a presider – things like “stand” or “sit.” A critical mass of most assemblies are informed attendees and know these things. Additionally, the service folder identifies clearly what the assembly is to do together. We trust that people stay intellectually engaged to see what those things are.

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And, there are enough of us who are here on a regular basis who can be of help through example for those a part of the assembly for the first time. Why is this good? Again, the focus stays on God and not us, or the presider. Our gesture, posture, are an organic part of what the assembly does in the liturgy and a matter of individual's decision to join or not – not a mandate from the front. If someone still is not posturing, gesturing with us, there is likely a good reason, which God would undoubtedly know and not our place on which to pass judgment.

The main point to be made here, is that these are some of the ways we have found meaning in our gatherings for liturgy which help us keep God the focus (and not ourselves). A safe assumption is that anyone a part of the assembly for liturgy, first timer, or multi-year repeater, is there for that same reason – all invited by God, equal in God's eyes, and all of those gathered bring gifts of equal importance to that unique gathering of folks!

Yet, as a faithful response to that shared liturgy, it is our duty and delight to inquire, invite, provide care for each other; to “serve and help my neighbor.”

Thanks be to God.

- Cantor David Cherwien

Summer Worship Schedule Ends

This Sunday, September 2, is the last Sunday of summer worship schedule (one liturgy at 10 am).

Beginning next Sunday, September 9, we will return to our regular Sunday schedule of two Sunday liturgies, at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. Godly Play and Adult Forum resume that day, too, at 9:30 a.m.

Rest In Peace: Kenneth Siess

The funeral Eucharist for our brother in Christ, Ken Siess, will be held at Mount Olive on **Saturday, September 8, at 11:00 a.m.** Visitation will be held at Mount Olive on Friday, Sept. 7, from 4-8 pm, and also one hour before the liturgy, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Olive Branch

Publication Schedule

With this issue, *The Olive Branch* returns to weekly publication.

Deadline for information for all issues is on Monday of the week of publication.

(There will be no *Olive Branch* published during the week of September 9.)

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am. Here is the schedule of upcoming books:

- **For September 8:** *Moscow Nights*, by Nigel Cliff

For October 13: *Purple Hibiscus*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

- **For November 10:** *The Portrait of a Lady*, by Henry James.

It's a (Surprise) Birthday Celebration!

Melba Smrcka will celebrate her 100th birthday this fall! Her family is celebrating with a post-liturgy lunch at Mount Olive, and everyone is invited!

Mark your calendars now: Sunday, September 9, following the second liturgy. In the meantime, don't tell Melba (who is receiving an edited version of *The Olive Branch*).

Calendar

Wednesday, August 29

10:00 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 31

6:00 pm N.A. First Friday social event

Saturday, September 1

11am-1pm Diaper Depot open

Noon Community Meal

1-3 pm Prayer Shawl group meets at Blackeye Roasting Co.

Sunday, September 2 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:30 am BFW Letter writing campaign (information at right)

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day holiday

Church offices closed

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 4

Noon Bible Study

4:00 pm Diaper Depot open

7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 5

10:00 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee meeting

6:30 pm Cantorei Potluck and first rehearsal

8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Cantorei Potluck and First Rehearsal of the New Season

Cantorei rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 5! We will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 pm, followed by an overview and brief rehearsal of music for the liturgy on Sunday, Sept. 8. (We will sing Faure's "Cantique de Jean Racine" that day). Bring a dish to share!

Interested in singing in Cantorei this year? Come on along!

- Cantor David Cherwien

Sunday is Letter Writing Time

This Sunday, September 2, we will write letters for the annual Offering of Letters for Bread for the World. After the morning liturgy at 10:00 a.m., grab a cup of coffee and grab a spot at a table to take time to write your senators and representative.

In this budget season it is especially important that we urge our representatives to continue to fund those efforts that have made such a difference in reducing hunger around the world.

"For Such a Time as This," the theme for this year's campaign, encourages us to get involved and make a difference. We support Bread for the World because it magnifies our voice on behalf of hungry people.

Watch for a TWIG later this week with a sample letter to start your thinking.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>FOOD COLLECTION 10:00 am – Eucharist</p> <p>11 am – Bread for the World Campaign of Letters</p>	<p>3– LABOR DAY</p> <p>Church offices closed</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – Missions Committee</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Neighborhood Ministries committee mtng.</p> <p>6:30 – Cantorei potluck and rehearsal</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm – N.A. First Friday</p> <p>4-8 pm - Funeral Visitation for Ken Siess</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p> <p>1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl group</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>10 am – Book Discussion</p> <p>11 am – Funeral Eucharist: Kenneth Siess</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Regular Worship Schedule Resumes 8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School/Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist Noon – Birthday celebration</p> <p>6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Dinner</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 pm – Vestry meeting (Note early start!)</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>5:30 pm – Columbarium Committee meeting</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng. 5:30 – Children’s Choir meal</p> <p>6 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 – Holy Cross Day</p> <p>7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11am – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm – Internship Committee meeting</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 – Children’s Choir meal</p> <p>6 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 pm – Worship Committee</p> <p>7 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4-6 pm – Diaper Depot open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 – Children’s Choir meal</p> <p>6 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist 9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed. 10:45 – Eucharist, with New Member Reception</p> <p>Noon – New Member Luncheon</p>						



News From the Neighborhood

Adios, CLUES!

We had the privilege and delight of hosting our neighbors from CLUES (Latin Communities United in Service) for the past few months as they offered Spanish classes and GED classes to students. Their building is close to being repaired and they hope to be operating again in their own space in October. They were wonderful guests and it was nice to have the extra life around the building during their time here. Que les vaya bien y Dios les bendiga!

*CLUES has shared a very nice Certificate of Appreciation with Mount Olive and many, many thanks for providing space and hospitality. The certificate is posted on the kiosk.

Grant Approval for Longer Table Lending

The Minneapolis Area Synod has approved a Ministry Imagination Grant of \$10,000 for Longer Table Lending - a new ministry of Mount Olive. There were 26 applications representing 30 congregations with total requests of over \$482,000. Of those applications, 18 were approved with total funding of \$181,860. This grant gets us farther along our path towards providing emergency no-interest loans up to \$500 to help members of our parish and neighborhood so that they are not trapped by the high interest of payday loans.

The LTL team is just steps away from making loans. We have a job description for an administrator ready, a meeting for website development, a new logo, QuickBooks is up and running, and just a few final check marks to make before we are operational. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged and supported this new venture. We're on our way!

If you are interested and able to make a contribution to this ministry, make your check out to Mount Olive and write on the front of your blue church missions envelope "Longer Table Lending." This will help us build up our pool of money for these loans.

Upcoming Adult Forums Sunday Mornings at 9:30, Between Liturgies

September 2, 2018: Bread for the World Letter-writing (after single 10:00 liturgy)

September 9, 2018: Meet Vicar Matta Ghaly, CSJC

September 16, 2018: Speaking of God: A Hymnwriter's Perspective -
presented by Susan Palo Cherwien

CPR/AED Training

The American Red Cross has sent Mount Olive a notice that it is time to certify/re-certify our First Aid and or CPR/AED training. (Anyone who has been trained within the past 2 years can obtain a copy of his/her digital certificate by visiting redcross.org/getcertificate, and enter basic information (first, last names, zip code of the training location and the last day of the class).

We are in the process of gathering names of those from Mount Olive who went through the Red Cross CPR/AED training when we first offered it a couple of years ago. If you have received this training before and wish to renew your certification at this time, or if you haven't received the training but wish to receive it now, please contact Larry Duncan at duncanlarry52@gmail.com within the next week. Larry will set up a date for training and let all participants know. The costs of this training are being covered by Mount Olive.

Rise for Climate, Jobs & Justice

On September 8, people around the country will join to celebrate accomplishments and challenge ourselves to do better. You can be part of the action! And we have a lot to celebrate.

On April 27, 2018 Minneapolis moved to plan for 100% renewable electricity for municipal facilities and operations by 2022 and citywide by 2030-- and they are working toward that goal. We at Mount Olive are spending our first summer with our solar panels supplying electricity at full force and our geothermal wells pumping cooling into our sanctuary.

What should we do next? On **Saturday, September 8, from noon-4 p.m. at East Phillips Community Center, 2307 - 17th Ave. S.** Organizations representing our state's best in racial, economics and climate justice are coming together for this afternoon summit of learning, inspiration, action and creativity-- children's activities included.

The Shape of Discipleship: Thursday Bible Study Begins Sept. 20

The first Thursday Bible study series of this year begins on Thursday, Sept. 20, and continues until October 25. (We may need to tweak the time on Oct. 4 to be able to celebrate St. Francis and to bless animals at 7:00 p.m., but we'll discuss that together.) Meeting in the Chapel Lounge from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Pr. Crippen will lead a study on the spiritual disciplines, classic patterns of life that have shaped Christians for centuries. As usual, there will be a light supper when we begin. If anyone wishes to provide the first meal, please let Pr. Crippen know. All are welcome to this study opportunity!

New Members to be Received Sept. 30

Mount Olive will receive new members on Sunday, September 30, at the 10:45 liturgy. If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Olive, please speak to Pr. Crippen or contact the church office.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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