



The Olive Branch

September 26, 2018

Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien*

Sunday Readings

September 30, 2018
19th Sunday after
Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

October 7, 2018
20th Sunday after
Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Steward

Seems in autumn we hear that word a lot. Here's a different angle to it. My title is "Cantor." Lutherans define that as "Steward of the assembly's song." For Roman Catholics a "cantor" leads the singing vocally and visually. In the Jewish tradition the cantor mostly does the singing. In the Lutheran Church it means facilitating your song - it's the assembly that sings, not the Cantor. From the practical standpoint, I do this mostly with the choir and organ's help. But it also means the preparation aspects, such as choosing what songs we're going to sing, which involves discernment.

When it comes to music, discernment gets just a bit tricky. For most it's more a matter of subjectivity. "I like it" therefore it is good. Yet to the trained musician (there tend to be a lot of those in our assemblies) it's much more than that.

Parents who guide the diet of young ones know the difference between subjectivity and nutritional health. Something may taste really good at the moment, but ultimately in the long run is inadequate, or perhaps even harmful. (Yet, there is a place for those sweets...but that can't be all).

This is the part of my role that I take very seriously, knowing full well that not everyone will understand the discernment based on knowledge of music and the texts that are set for us to sing.

The reality is, we all are preparing. Each week we are "rehearsing" in addition to offering our song to God, and proclaiming our faith through song out loud in the moment. We are internalizing that which we sing - making it a part of us and of our souls - both collectively and individually. It's an important memory bank!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer relied on memorized words of hymns and liturgy to sustain him while imprisoned. Alzheimer patient caregivers talk about what happens when the singing of hymns brings the patient back to life - as that part of the brain is one of the last areas to decay.

This means that what we put into the memory bank is very important! We don't know when we might need to draw on those memorized texts and melodies. Rather than waste any precious time learning something that might not be around, or is not helpful or meaningful - discernment is very important.

In teaching music to people of God of any age bracket, there are many fads and trendy things that might seem to have an immediate appeal but fade very quickly. There are many things we can learn that sustain a much longer term value - and might even carry into adult and elderly years. It's more exciting and critical for us to use the time we have helping us learn those hymns/songs that are likely to survive the gift of time and it's natural discernment.

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Sunday Adult Forums

Sunday, September 30, 2018

"The Eastern Churches: A Deeper Look," presented by Vicar Matta Ghaly (part 2 of a 2-part series)

An introduction to the histories, theologies, liturgies, and spiritualities of the Eastern Churches, their contributions to Christianity, and their witness as contemporary communities.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

"The Copts: A People and A Church," presented by Vicar Matta Ghaly

An introduction to the history and identity of the Copts, the indigenous people of Egypt, their expressions of Christianity and lived experience as the largest ethno-religious minority in North Africa and Southwest Asia.

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The Cantor's role in this is very important. What we sing, the words that come out of our mouths, out of our breath – become deeply a part of us. You can bet the Cantor should take that seriously, and be thinking of the long run. In fact, it's daunting.

When we all launch into song, I think we all get it in an instant. And that's exciting!

- Cantor David Cherwien

Second Coffee This Sunday

You'll notice that there's no coffee or food for the usual second coffee hour in the East Assembly Room this coming Sunday (September 30) after worship. That's because you're all invited to a Welcome Brunch for our new members, who will be received at the 2nd liturgy. Please join us in the Undercroft Dining Room after worship!

Opportunity to Host German Visitors

Twelve to fourteen German people from the Lutheran Churches in Leipzig, Germany will visit the Twin Cities from October 5-15. They are members of the church council from the churches of Pr. Helge Voigt, a friend of Mount Olive. The planning group assisting them for this trip is in need of assistance from area churches. We need people to host 1-2 people for their stay, and/or provide transportation, and/or have them in your home for a meal or an afternoon or evening entertainment. Many of them speak some English, but if you speak even a little German, that will be helpful, but not required. If you can provide hospitality for this group of our neighbors from across the globe, please contact Lora Dundek at 651/645-6636 or email her at lhdundek@usfamily.net. Any help you can give will be appreciated!

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 October 13: *Purple Hibiscus*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- For November 10: *The Portrait of a Lady*, by Henry James.

Calendar

Wednesday, September 26

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

Thursday, September 27

- 6:00 pm Bible Study

Friday, September 28

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

Saturday, September 29

- 9:00 am Confirmation

Sunday, September 30 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
10:00 am *Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members*,
followed by coffee & conversation
Noon New Members Welcome Luncheon

Monday, October 1

- 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting
7:00 pm Evangelism Committee meeting
7:00 pm SPI meeting (Vicar Matta)
7:00 pm Missions Committee meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 2

- Noon Bible Study
4:00 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, October 3

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

Coffee Hosts Needed

Enjoy Sunday coffee hour? Sure you do – everyone does! A good coffee hour doesn't happen without coffee hour hosts, and right now we need volunteers to host coffee hour. Take a turn!

Sign up on the chart in the East Assembly Room. Carla Manuel is happy to answer any questions about procedure that you may have or provide any training you may need.

Chancel Dusting and Polishing Day

The Altar Guild is hosting a chancel-cleaning event on Saturday, September 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please join our crew – for an hour, for the morning. The more hands, the faster we'll finish!

Questions? Contact Beth Gaede –
bethgaede@comcast.com.

**The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Thursday, October 4
Blessing of Animals at 7:00 p.m.**

Bring your pets to this annual service of blessing!

Trust News

Save the Date!

The Annual Great TRUST Auction will be held on Friday, October 26, 6 p.m., St. Joan of Arc (3rd Ave. S. between 45th and 46th). TRUST's biggest fundraiser will include delicious food, a silent and live auction, top-notch entertainment, and more! Ways you can help:

1. Go to the auction! Get tickets in advance to receive a discount. Let's fill the tables!
2. Donate! Consider asking a favorite restaurant or business to donate a gift certificate for the silent auction, or buy a gift certificate. You could also create a themed gift basket for the silent auction. Ideas could include game night, chocolate, coffee, romantic evening, etc.
3. Volunteer! People are always needed and welcome to help on the day of the auction with set up before, kitchen help during, or clean up after the auction. Contact Carolyn at TRUST if you'd like to help or have any questions.

TRUST Health Fair

TRUST & Nokomis Healthy Seniors invite you to a Health Fair on Monday, October 15, 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Avenue South. There will be exhibits and information – as well as opportunities for flu shots, blood pressure checks, and Live Well at Home screenings. A soup and bread lunch will be provided. Also, local musician Barbara Meyer will perform and discuss how she uses the Miracle of Music: How music can add joy to our lives, but can also aid in our health! Questions? Call Nokomis Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5499.

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 have scheduled this class for Saturday, October 6, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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@ymail.com within the next week. The costs of this training are being covered by Mount Olive.

Mount Olive Music & Fine Arts First Event of the New Season

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 pm

Music for Trumpet and Organ

Charles Lazarus, Trumpet and David Cherwien, Organ

All are invited to this delightful program of music offered by Minnesota Orchestra's trumpeter extraordinaire, Charles Lazarus, with an eclectic program of music by Handel, Purcell, J. S. Bach, and an arrangement of "American Nomad" (Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra) for trumpet and organ by Steve Heitzeg.

Charles Lazarus is one of the area's great treasures with an amazing palette of stylistic abilities, offering sell-out performances with the Minnesota Orchestra and his own Jazz Ensemble.

Mount Olive offers these events to the greater community free of charge and you are invited to be a part of that effort through your financial support. A committee representative will be in the Narthex to receive pledges and donations **this Sunday** before and after Holy Eucharist.

Christ Church Lutheran Dedicates New Dobson Pipe Organ

The dedicatory recital on the new Christ Church Lutheran pipe organ will be performed by internationally acclaimed organist Dr. Martin Jean. The recital will take place **at 7:00 pm this Sunday, September 30**, in the church sanctuary. 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.

Dr. Jean is Professor of Organ, Professor in the Practice of Sacred Music, and Director of the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University. Prior to assuming his position at Yale, he served as Associate Professor of Music and University Organist at Valparaiso University in Indiana and as Associate Professor of Music at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Shape of Discipleship: Thursday Bible Study Continues

The first Thursday Bible study series of this year continues through November 1. (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 and Vicar Matta Ghaly are leading a study on the spiritual disciplines, classic patterns of life that have shaped Christians for centuries. **Please note there will be no class on October 11.** As usual, there will be a light supper when we begin. All are welcome to this study opportunity!

New Members to be Received This Sunday

Mount Olive will receive new members this 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>7 pm – Worship Committee</p> <p>7 pm – Evangelism Committee</p> <p>7 pm – SPI meeting</p> <p>7 pm – Missions Committee</p> <p>7 pm - NA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Neighborhood Min. Committee meeting</p> <p>5:30 pm – Childrens Choir meal</p> <p>6:00 pm – Children’s Choirs</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A.</p>	<p>4 – St. Francis of Assisi</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p> <p>7pm – Blessing of Animals</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 pm - N.A. social event</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 am CPR/AED Training</p> <p>11 am – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p> <p>1 pm – Prayer Shawl group meets at Black Eye Roasting Co.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>FOOD COLLECTION</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p> <p>4 pm – MFA Trumpet and Organ Concert, followed by reception</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 pm – Vestry Meeting</p> <p>7 pm - NA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal</p> <p>6:00 pm – Children’s Choirs</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A</p>	<p>11</p> <p>No Bible Study this evening</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 am – Confirmation</p> <p>10 am – Book Discussion</p>
<p>14</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School /Adult Ed.</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p> <p>Noon – Budget Preview meeting</p> <p>6:45 pm – Mount Olive Serves Our Saviour’s Meal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 pm – Reconciling Works Committee meeting</p> <p>7 pm – Internship Committee</p> <p>7 pm - NA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal</p> <p>6:00 pm – Children’s Choirs</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am-2:30 pm – Vestry Retreat</p> <p>11 am – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>Noon – Community Meal</p>
<p>21</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p> <p>Noon – Congregation Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 pm – Worship Committee meeting</p> <p>7 pm - NA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4 pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>5:30 pm – Choir meal</p> <p>6:00 pm – Children’s Choir</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6 pm – Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 pm – Recovery & Wellness Support group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 am - Confirmation</p>
<p>28 – Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8 am – Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 – Church School</p> <p>10:45 – Eucharist</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7 pm - NA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Noon – Bible Study</p> <p>4: pm – Diaper Depot Open</p> <p>7 pm – NLC rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10 am – Staff Mtng.</p> <p>(No Children’s Choirs this day)</p> <p>7 pm – Cantorei</p> <p>8 pm – N.A</p>			

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**Summer Sunday Eucharist:
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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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