

The Olive Branch

March 20, 2019



Accent on Worship

Susan Palo Cherwien

Grafted into the Mystical Body of Christ

Since the early centuries of the church, the time of Lent, the Forty Days, has been a time of preparation for baptism, and, for those who are already baptized, a time of growing more deeply into the baptismal life through the work of the Spirit.

Baptism was seen in a variety of ways by the early writers in the Christian church. We might usually think of it as a washing, a bath, for forgiveness and purity. About 150 C.E., Justin called baptism “the Illumination,” because through it one's spirit was filled with light. John Chrysostom called baptism, “a smelting furnace” that molds us into new vessels,

and also a drowning. Cyril of Jerusalem thought of entering the waters of baptism as entering the waters of the womb to emerge in a new birth. Theodore of Mopsuestia, drawing on Paul, called it a death and arising to new life in Christ, the three immersions symbolizing Christ's three days in the tomb.

Irenaeus of Lyons (ca. 130 C.E.) and others considered baptism to be a grafting into Christ the Vine, into the mystical body of Christ, into the family of the beloved of God. The baptized are grafted into the True Vine, connected not only to the Vine, but to each other through the work of the Spirit. Irenaeus writes: “[Christ] promised to send the Comforter, who would join us to God... Just as dry wheat without moisture cannot make a single mass of dough or a single loaf, so we who are many could not be made one in Christ Jesus without the water from heaven. And just as dry earth, if it does not receive moisture, does not bear fruit, so we, who at first were a dry tree, could never have borne the fruit of life without the free-flowing rain from above.”

May this Lententide water us with the free-flowing rain from above.

Sunday Readings

March 24, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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Sunday Adult Forums

Sunday, March 24: "Paul's Letter to the Galatians," part 1 of a 3-part series, presented by Pastor Crippen.

Sunday, March 31: "Paul's Letter to the Galatians," part 2

Lenten Prayers Available

Bread for the World offers another Lenten resource for your family. "Lenten Prayers for an End to Hunger" is a six-paneled table tent that can be placed on your dinner table or office desk. Each panel includes scripture readings, a prayer and suggested actions for each week. You may pick up your prayers on the table by the coat room or outside the main office. You might also want to take one to give to another family member or friend. Together we encourage each other to keep our Lenten disciplines.

Test Your Climate Knowledge

The Missions Committee would like to challenge you on your understanding and knowledge of our beautiful Earth. NASA Global Climate Change web site offers quizzes to help us learn about vital signs of the planet. One quiz each week will be offered here until Earth Day to assist you in growing your stewardship of the Earth and all living things. Click the following link to take this week's quiz, The Air We Breathe:

<https://climate.nasa.gov/quizzes/air-we-breathe-quiz/>

Help Needed!

Launderers Sought

For Christmas and Easter, we always try to have all the servants' albs in their best shape. The sacristan crew is looking for six people who would be willing to wash and iron four albs each before Holy Week, preferably somewhere in the time from April 7 after the second liturgy until Saturday, April 13. If you are willing to help, please call Tom Olsen at 952-240-3166.

Thank you!

Book Discussion

The Book Discussion Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the West Assembly Area. All readers welcome!

For the April 12 meeting they will read, *Spirit Car*, by Diane Wilson. For the May 11 meeting, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, by James Joyce.

Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesdays during Lent

Holy Eucharist at
Noon, followed by
Soup luncheon
Evening Prayer at 7,
preceded by Soup
supper at 6 pm.

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Calendar

Wednesday, March 20

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
Noon *Midweek Lenten Eucharist*
1:00 pm Soup lunch
5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals / Soup Supper
6:00 pm Centering Prayer
7:00 pm *Lenten Vespers*
7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 22

- 7-9 pm Recovery & Wellness Support Group

Saturday, March 23

- 9:00 am Confirmation

Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
9:30 am Sunday Church School / Adult Forum
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*, followed by coffee & conversation
4:00 pm Lutheran Summer Music recital and Vespers

Monday, March 25

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

Tuesday, March 26

- Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
Noon *Midweek Lenten Eucharist*
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March is Minnesota Food Share Month

March is Minnesota Foodshare Month and Community Emergency Services is asking for our support. They want to gather a total of 40,000 pounds of food and raise \$125,000 during March. We can help! Bring food pantry items or hygiene supplies to drop off in our grocery cart and/or give a financial gift to help CES make purchases.

*Items suggested: Cooking oils, sugar and flour, toilet paper, hygiene products (deodorant, toothbrushes and paste), canned chicken, tuna & chili.

9.5% of Minnesotans live below the poverty level (*U.S. Census Bureau*).

Over 3,000,000 visits were made to MN food shelves each year, 2011-2017. Over 3.4 million visits in 2017 (*Hunger Solutions*).

An Evening with Lutheran Summer Music (LSM)

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is hosting an event at Mount Olive **this Sunday, March 24**, at 4:00pm, that will feature a recital of alumni, past & current faculty, and staff members. Following the recital, there will be the Service of Evening Prayer replicating a typical evening during the summer program. This event is open to everyone, so please invite guests!

This event is designed to help spread the word about the transformational power of this faith-based music academy for high school students. Please join LSM Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Friends for a wonderful evening of music, prayer, and fellowship. A reception will follow the evening's activities.

Please reach out to Mount Olive Member, Dietrich Jessen, by email at dietrich@dwjessen.com or by phone at 952-666-9759 with any questions. For more information about LSM, visit online them online at www.lsmacademy.org.

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premiere faith-based music academy for high school students. In addition to advanced musical instruction and numerous performance opportunities, LSM students form an intentional community, living together for four weeks on a Lutheran college campus. Since 1981, this unique and immersive program has guided the lives of young musicians, who credit LSM as the starting place for their future careers and vocations.

An Invitation From Our Former Vicar

Dear Mount Olive Friends,

It was truly heartwarming to be back on March 3, 2019 to see and talk with so many of you! As you might have read in last week's Olive Branch, my ordination and installation is on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at House of Prayer in Richfield (7625 Chicago Ave. South). I've been called as their associate pastor.

I'm excited to announce that both Pastor Crippen and Cantor Cherwien have been busy working behind the scenes helping to plan this service and will be sharing their gifts on this most blessed day! I would be honored if you could attend.

All clergy are joyfully welcomed to vest and process. The color of the day is red. We'll be lining up at 4:50 p.m.

For all who like to sing, a "drop in" choir will rehearse at 3:30 p.m. the day of the service. I would love to hear Mount Olive voices!

Following the service, there will be an appetizer/dessert reception.

Thank you for being a part of my journey and sharing this joy with me.

- Kelly Sandin

Unbreakable

The Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus stands with all who desire to build safe space for LGBTQ people. March 29-30 at 8 pm TCGMC will present a concert highlighting the stories of LGBTQ heroes called UNBREAKABLE at Ted Mann auditorium in Minneapolis.

Members of Mount Olive will receive a \$5 discount when ordering tickets with the promo code LGBTQFAITH at tcgmc.org or by calling the U of M box office at 612-624-2345.

Bach-Tage and You: A Bit of Clarity?

You've probably seen the brochures at church the past two Sundays. Is Bach-Tage for you? Yes, of course, if you can devote the time that weekend, and have the ability to learn the music on your own, in advance.

This is important. Coming to Bach-Tage prepared means the time in sessions with

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL BACH-TAGE

June 1&2, 2019

Bach - Three Ways

Saturday, June 1 - 4:00 pm

Tami Morse, Tulio Rondón, and David Cherwien perform solo selections for harpsichord, cello, and organ, demonstrating the diversity of Bach's genius.

Evening Prayer with Cantatas 37 and 44

Sunday June 2, 4:00 pm

This year *Bach-Tage* falls in the three days between the Feast of the Ascension and the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The two cantatas for this year's *Bach-Tage* were composed and performed for these occasions in Leipzig in the year 1724.

Bach Tage Chorus, Orchestra and Soloists

Kathy Saltzman Romey, conductor Cantor David Cherwien, organist



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Kathy Romey can be more valuable for everyone. There are helpful tools available to help with the note learning. Information about learning the music will come with the scores about four weeks in advance.

Registration Fees for members of the Mount Olive community? Since Bach-Tage is now supported by the annual budget, the \$75 registration fee for you is waived. Of course, Bach-Tage is costly to present, even with additional grants from the Mount Olive Foundation and Music and Fine Arts. Realizing the cost, many participants from Mount Olive send a check anyway, as a contribution to keep the program strong. Most registrants from outside the community also add an extra donation as well. As a result, the basic fee has not been raised for the past 13 years.

If you include a donation with your registration, the full amount is regarded a contribution, and will be recorded on your giving statement for the year.

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Jim Crow of the North

Many thanks to executive producer Daniel Pierce Bergin, from Twin Cities Public Television, who so generously made his documentary, "Jim Crow of the North" available to the Adult Forum on Sunday. The documentary can be viewed at: <https://www.tpt.org/minnesota-experience/video/jim-crow-of-the-north-stijws/>

Spotlight on Our Schlicker

Brent Johnson of the Organ Media Foundation recently interviewed Cantor David Cherwein about Mount Olive's organ and produced this YouTube video. It's a fun opportunity to learn about all of the ins and outs of this fine instrument:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1qg1HiXYdc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2aQ-RavSICx2k7Z7eZQyi8FNIF7xwBACqQE18Oci3UX0uKNlRkkelHIMg>



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conversations:
understanding & addressing
implicit bias ■

With Dr. Raj & Manu Lewis

Saturday, March 30th

1:00PM-4:00PM

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

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