



The Olive Branch

April 10, 2019

Sunday Readings

April 14, 2019

Sunday of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

April 21, 2019

Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

John 20:1-18

Accent on Worship

Dan Hellerich

Imagine you're in the crowd gathered along the route Jesus is taking into Jerusalem. How much excitement would you feel getting a glimpse of this miracle worker? Maybe you even feel a deeper sense of hope: that, in this unjust world where authoritarian tyrants like Herod make life miserable, this man on a donkey can take his place as a just, caring ruler? We could live without fear. There's something about being in an excited crowd that makes you want to shout and cheer - even yell "Hosanna" louder than a city bus - when the one we're all waiting for comes into view. Especially so if that person can change the world.

There's another crowd we have to reckon with this Sunday. One in which we turn against Jesus, deny we know him, and even insist he be tortured and executed - all because we're fearful of how "he stirs up the people." We're afraid of change. Maybe we're not the ones in the mob who started the "crucify him!" chant. But, sometimes do we stay quiet when we should speak up against fear? Sometimes are we content with how things are, even though we're aware that our actions or lack of change hurts others? In this crowd we act out of fear and self-preservation.

In Philippians 2, Paul reminds us to humble ourselves as Christ did, and to love our neighbors. And that through Christ's crucifixion, he was sacrificed for us and became highly exalted - the ruler of all our hearts and minds, to whom we sing Hosanna.

Since the earliest days of the Church, worshipers have remembered Jesus's ride from the Mount of Olives by reenacting it: We raise palm branches, sing, and march into the nave from outside. Christ, ruler of all, invites us into the crowd of disciples and the communion of saints, to keep his path clear, and to praise God always.

Sunday Adult Forums

Sunday, April 14: Passion Sunday – No forum this day

Sunday, April 21: Easter Day – No forum this day

Godly Play Will Meet this Sunday!

Parents are asked to please note that Godly Play will be in session this Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday).

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, "Our world, other worlds:"

<https://climate.nasa.gov/quizzes/earth-day-quiz/>

Join Together to Help

In the last weeks we have all been overwhelmed with pictures and stories of those suffering from floods in our own country-- Nebraska, Iowa, Alabama -- and in far off places -- Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Iran. Your Missions Committee has committed \$1,000 of its budget to help with flood relief: \$500 to the ELCA Disaster Relief fund to assist with national flood relief and \$500 to the Lutheran World Relief to assist those in other countries. Won't you join in this effort? You may place your donations in a blue mission envelop and mark it clearly for ELCA Disaster Relief or LWR, clearly mark your donation in the memo line of your check, or place your contribution in a marked envelope. Together we can make a difference.

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.

Paschal Garden

Volunteers will be on hand for one more week, (this Sunday, April 14) before, between, and following the liturgies to receive your donations to purchase Easter flowers for this year's Paschal Garden.

The Olive Branch

Calendar

Wednesday, April 10

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

Friday, April 12

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Saturday, April 13

- 9:00 am Church cleanup day/Chancel cleaning
9:00 pm Confirmation
10:30 am Catechism retreat
10:00 am Book Discussion group

Sunday, April 14 - Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

- 8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
9:30 am Sunday Church School
No Adult Forum this week
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
6:45 pm Mount Olive serves Our Saviour's meal

Monday, April 15 - Monday in Holy Week

- Noon *Daily Prayer*
6:30 pm ReconcilingWorks committee meeting
7:00 pm Internship Committee meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 16 - Tuesday in Holy Week

- Noon *Daily Prayer*, followed by Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm National Lutheran Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
Noon *Daily Prayer*
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Easter Parking

Just a reminder to members that there is another parking option available on Sundays in addition to the church lot across 31st St. Lots of spaces are available in the lot behind the Workforce Center on the southwest corner of Lake and Chicago. Several of us already park there, and it's very convenient. Please think about this option, especially for the upcoming Sundays around Easter, when we will have lots of guests at Mount Olive. The Workforce Center lot is available for public parking on Saturdays, Sundays and any legal holiday.

Chancel Dusting and Polishing Day This Saturday

The Altar Guild is hosting a chancel-cleaning event on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please join our crew – for an hour, for the morning. The more hands, the faster we'll finish! Come help prepare our worship space for Holy Week and Easter.

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

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

Best laid plans of mice and . . . Property Committees?

"Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet . . ."

Last Saturday, it was mostly RAIN, but a LOT OF IT, but still the heroic troops did a great job of removing the winter litter around the building and parking lot. Cheers for those who came, and conquered!

Now what of this weekend? The plan was to have mulch delivered and spread this Saturday. Forecasters are predicting a reprise of the mid-April storm of 2018. Meteorologists seem pretty confident of a storm starting Wednesday and continuing through Friday. Oi vey!

Even if the storm isn't of 2018 proportions, it's going to make it difficult to plan for material delivery, and REALLY SOGGY conditions for a workday. So with that, **we will plan to reschedule the mulch delivery and workday for April 27, the Saturday after Easter.**

Send a quick email to property@mountolivechurch.org or call the church office if you are able to help on the 27th.

New Vicar Assigned for 2019-2020

Mount Olive's next vicar is Bristol Reading (pronounced like the railroad and the Pennsylvania city, not like the leisure activity), a student at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. She was assigned to us via LSTC because her husband, Michael, has taken a job with Target locally. Bristol has her BA in theology from Loyola University, Chicago, and an MA in ethics and social theory from Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Bristol will begin her vicar year earlier than we usually experience, the first week of June, since we have an opening, and since she'll be in the Twin Cities looking for something to do this summer.

Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Mount Olive congregation will be held on Sunday, April 28, following the second liturgy (approximately Noon). The purpose of this meeting is to elect new members to the Mount Olive Vestry for 2019-2020. At this meeting, we will also hear about Godly Play (Sunday Church School) and its importance to our church community.

Easter Carry-In Brunch

There will be a Carry-In (potluck) Brunch on Easter morning, April 21, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Bring a favorite brunch item to share between the liturgies!

Pick Up Your Statements

Contribution statements for the first quarter of 2018 are printed and ready to be picked up at church (near the coatroom). Please pick yours up soon!

Statements not picked up by May 5 will be mailed.

Music & Fine Arts Hymn Festival

Held Friday, May 10, 7:30 pm

Mount Olive Cantorei, Cantor David Cherwien, organist and director

Marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of former Mount Olive Cantor Paul O. Manz, Mount Olive will host a hymn festival honoring the life and ministry of this giant in Lutheran hymnody, Manz's ministry inspired vigorous and meaningful singing across denominational and geographic lines. He is credited with creating the hymn festival program tradition, now frequently used by church musicians, which combines creative hymnody, interpretive improvisation, and reflective spoken thoughts.

Holy Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, April 14: *Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday*

+ Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10:45 am

Mon.-Wed., April 15-17: *Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week*

+ Daily Prayer at Noon, in the side chapel of the nave,
near the columbarium

Thursday, April 18: *Maundy Thursday*

+ Holy Eucharist, Noon

+ Holy Eucharist, with Footwashing, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 19: *Good Friday*

+ Stations of the Cross, Noon

+ Adoration of the Cross, 7 pm

Saturday, April 20: *Holy Saturday*

+ The Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, followed by a festive reception in the Undercroft.

Sunday, April 21: *The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day*

+ Festival Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:45 am

+ Easter Carry-in brunch at 9:30 am

Kingman Family Fire Relief

As most of you know, Anna Scott's parents and sister experience a devastating house fire a couple of weeks ago. They have lost everything in the house, but has asked that until insurance coverage is sorted out and they know what their future living arrangements are, we should hold off on any specific donation of items that they could use. Therefore, they are asking people to give through an online fund that has been set up in their name. To donate, go to www.gofundme.com, search for Scott and Heidi Kingman's page, and make your donation through the website. If you prefer, leave a donation marked "Kingman family" in the church office, and we'll see that it gets to the right place. If and when the Kingmans identify other needs, the congregation will be informed.

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

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