



The Olive Branch

August 14, 2019

Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien*

Sunday Readings

August 18, 2019

**10th Sunday after Pentecost
20C**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2019

**11th Sunday after Pentecost
21C**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

The Singing Assembly

I've always liked the phrase "Dance like no one can see you" – and I suppose one could say the same about singing. The phrase implies a complete letting go of inhibition, with the fear of what it might sound or look like to others not a part of the mix. Would that all of us could be that way even when others can see and hear us!

Watching a soloist let go, however, is fun – and many of us might even feel a bit of envy. The full release of energy/emotion has to be cleansing. But I can't sound like Placido Domingo, or even an-octave-lower Barbara Streisand. Singing in worship is different – because we don't do it solo. When singing collectively we can let go so much more, and we do because we are not subject to judgment.

This is what I love about the assemblies at Mount Olive. Anyone can come and be a part of the assembly, singer and non-singer alike, sing out, and sing like "no one is watching or hearing." It's a huge release of energy, meaningfulness, and a complete "letting go."

Here's something to consider about our singing: because we sing like we do, we can and perhaps are called to sing things that might not work everywhere. Sometimes this singing involves being able to read music which is not an ability that everyone has. Sometimes we chant Psalms with a system that not many other churches use for the assembly. In these cases, it's the responsibility of those who read music, and those who have been here before and know what to do to step up to the plate and help "a little more" – to carry those in the learning stages (and be patient!). I feel it to be a duty and delight thing – an important one.

Sometimes instructions for singing may seem a bit vague. You can blame me for this. Over the years, I've learned that in many cases, the more instructions provided in the service folder, the more confused folks can get. Two scenarios come to mind: 1. When we sing in canon. Directions could say "at the measure" and be really specific about identifying groups (as in pews 1-5) and when they should sing. We might just say, "sung in canon; sing a part in need of your voice." Folks who know what to do there will do it, and that will be very clear for those who are a little confused. Example is a much better leader than instructional rubrics. *(continued on page 4)*

Women's Choir to Sing This Sunday

Summer Women's Choir: This Sunday, August 18

One rehearsal this Sunday, August 18, 8:45 am, sing in the 10:00 Eucharist.

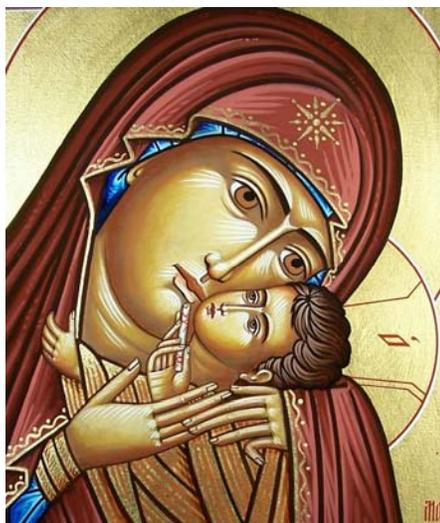
Counters Needed!

We are in need of 2-3 new counters to count Sunday offering on a rotating or substitute basis due to counters retiring or moving onto other ministries. This is great job for those who like quiet work and a feeling of accomplishment. The skills needed are simple cash and check counting, confidentiality, and ability to communicate with your counting partner. That's about it!

If you are interested in counting on a regular basis, please contact Kat Campbell Johnson 763-464-7692.

An Important Word About Your Key Card

Some Mount Olive folks are beginning to have a little trouble with their security (key) cards not working. This is likely caused by the card becoming de-magnetized. One way to be sure YOUR card does not become demagnetized is to keep it away from your credit cards, and keep it away from your cell phone. Both are common culprits with this problem.



*Mary, Mother
of Our Lord*

Thursday, August 15

*Holy Eucharist at
7:00 pm*

All are welcome.

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 September 14 meeting they will read *Anil's Ghost* by Michael Ondaatje.

Weeds for Sale, Pick Your Own!

In order to keep our church grounds looking fresh and tidy, it takes work to keep the lawn cut, weeds pulled, and bushes trimmed. This spring our loyal group of volunteers picked up trash, weeded, mulched, and trimmed everything in sight. Now it is summer maintenance time.

Please join us on any of the following dates between 9:30-11:30 am, or feel free to stop by at any time and pull a weed or two.

August 17 and 31

BYOT (Bring your own tools.) Trash bags, water, and snacks provided.

If you have questions reach out to Andrew Andersen, Brenda Bartz, or Carol Martinson.

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Calendar

Wednesday, August 14

- 1:30 pm Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, August 15 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord

- 6:00 pm Godly Play Training
7:00 pm *Holy Eucharist*

Friday, August 16

- 8:00 am Godly Play Training

Saturday, August 17

- 8:00 am Godly Play Training
9:30 am Grounds Maintenance
11:00 am Diaper Depot open
Noon Community Meal

Sunday, August 18 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, 19C

- 8:30 am Women's Choir rehearsal
10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation

Monday, August 19

- 8am-Noon RJCA Youth event
7:00 pm ReconcilingWorks committee meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 20

- Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open

Wednesday, August 21

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, August 23

- 7:00 pm Recovery & Wellness Support group

Sunday, August 25 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, 20C

- 10:00 am *Holy Eucharist*
11:30 am Adult Forum: EPES/Chile (see p. 5)

Monday, August 26

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 27

- Noon Bible Study
4-6 pm Diaper Depot open
7:00 pm Missions Committee

Olive Branch Publication Schedule

During the summer months of June, July, and August, *The Olive Branch* is published *every other week*.

The next issue will be published on Wed., August 28. **The deadline for information for that issue is Monday, August 26.**

Paris to Pittsburgh

Many have asked. If you didn't get a chance to view *Paris to Pittsburgh* with us a couple of weeks ago, or if you did and now you would like to share this film with others, please know that copies of the film are available in the Missions box in the church office. Leave a note when you take a copy, and return it to the box when you are finished. It is also available on-line from National Geographic at <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/tv/paris-to-pittsburgh/>. We were encouraged by stories of the progress that can be made even without a national commitment.

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2. The other is Psalmody. Fewer instructions, and relying on the help of those who do know what to do works far more invitingly.

A scenario for diminishing our singing potential would be to plan as if no one has been here before, to plan as if no one reads music (many more do than most churches assume), or to plan as if there are no memory banks informing participation. The limitations would be huge and the song - - well, not much.

Certainly we planners do not want to plan over the heads of every anticipated assembly, but when and if the expectation includes the help of memory, experience, and music reading, and these abilities are called upon, more doors are opened to what we can sing.

For those of you who know this and accept the challenge to provide the help, on behalf of our assemblies and on behalf of those of us who plan what possibilities are for singing - thank you.

- Cantor David Cherwien

Save the Date--Offering of Letters

We will end the summer by taking action! On September 1, Labor Day weekend Sunday, we will once again gather to urge our legislators to accelerate progress toward ending hunger by increasing funding for global child nutrition programs. "Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow" is a national advocacy effort, and Bread for the World is our partner. Together we have made a difference in reducing world hunger.

Let's keep our effort strong! Stay tuned for more details.

Mount Olive Cantorei Wants YOU!

Only a few weeks until Cantorei rehearsals resume!

We will begin this year on Wednesday, September 4, with an overview and brief rehearsal, followed by a dessert potluck. Bring a dessert to share!

Interested in singing in Cantorei this year? Come on along - all are welcome.

- Cantor David Cherwien

Please Note: Summer Worship Schedule Ends Soon

The last Sunday of summer worship schedule will be Sunday, September 1 (Labor Day weekend). Beginning on Sunday, September 8, we will resume our regular schedule of two liturgies each Sunday morning, at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m., with education for children and adults between the services beginning at 9:30.



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GLOBAL MISSION



Karen Anderson with ELCA pastor, Rev. Alvaro Nova, a participant in the 2016 International Training, during a community health action carried out in the open market to educate neighbors about the negative impact surgery soft drinks have on health.

2019 ELCA Global Mission Spotlight: Karen Anderson and EPES (Chile)

As a Lutheran missionary in Chile from 1982–2000, Karen Anderson founded and directed EPES, **Educación Popular en Salud**. EPES has worked to build a sustainable health care organization dedicated to promoting the health, dignity and rights of poor people in Chile and throughout the region through education, empowerment and collective action.

In 2009, she returned as an ELCA missionary to help the EPES staff design, launch and direct EPES' International Training Course on Popular Education in Health which, among other important tasks, explores the role of the church in the struggle for health and human rights. **In the past ten years, the International Training program has had 187 participants from 25 countries, including participants from eleven Lutheran churches from other Latin American countries.** In the past three years, EPES' work has expanded to Africa as participants from Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Senegal, Madagascar and Ethiopia have participated in the International Training Course. Upon returning home, they have been implementing EPES training model in their local communities.

Your gifts to ELCA Global Mission help more than 225 ELCA missionaries, including Karen Anderson, serve "hand in hand" with companion churches in almost 50 countries.

Adult Forum with Missionary Karen Anderson - August 25

On August 25, Karen Anderson from EPES/ Action for Health in the Americas, our mission partner in Chile, will share with us the latest work and progress in Chile. It has been two years since we have had the opportunity to meet with Karen, and your Missions Committee invites everyone to grab their coffee and treats and join in this important partnership update.

Longer Table Lending Seeks Administrator

Longer Table Lending is hiring for its Administrator position.

Check out details on the Mount Olive website. More information to come. Spread the word!

News From the Neighborhood

Neighborhood Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, Mount Olive welcomed over 60 people from our community and neighborhood for our National Night Out celebration. Together, we enjoyed a meal, played games, and visited with our local firefighters and police officers. Members of our Property, Youth and Family, Congregational Life, and Neighborhood Ministries committees worked together to host this event. Thanks are due to all the volunteers who teamed up to give this gift to our community.



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

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