



Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place.

An elevator to the lower and street levels can be found at the northwest corner of the education wing. Restrooms are located on the main floor and lower level. Turn right as you exit the narthex, then turn left. Restrooms are at the end of the hall, next to the elevator. Busy bags for children are available in the coat room. Please ask an usher if you need assistance!

Helps for following the liturgy: Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are in the front portion of the hymnal at the bottom left and right corners of the page. Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” in caps are in the back portion of the hymnal in the upper left and right corners of the page. Note that the psalms are numbered as hymns 1-150.

Focus on the Season: Holy Cross Day

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the cross of Christ as the heart of God’s love for the whole cosmos, as John claims today. Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God, Paul says, even though it looks like foolishness to the rest of the world. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift the cross as the sign of God’s sacrificial love for the whole universe, into which we all are called.

Holy Cross Day

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 † 7:00 p.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: "The Royal Banners Forward Go" Wilbur Held

AT THE PROCESSION *Facing the cross as it is carried into the nave*
"Sing, My Tongue" HYMN 356
Stanzas 4 and 5 are sung in canon; Treble voices begin, low voices begin one measure later

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9 *(seated)*
Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 98:1-4

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone:



SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:18-24

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.

Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading.

(standing)
HYMN 660

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Signs of Love

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, Love, How Deep”

Stanzas 1, 2 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanzas 5, 6, 7 – All

(standing)
HYMN 322

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **☩ hear our prayer.**

(kneeling)

PEACE

You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING

(seated)

OFFERTORY

(standing)

“There in God’s Garden”

HYMN 342

Stanzas 1-4 and 6 – All

Stanza 5 – Organ

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P The Lord be with you. C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

HYMN 192

“Holy, holy holy...”

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup . . . the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit . . . with all your saints in light.

☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

☩ Join our prayers . . . in your holy Church, now and forever.

☩ Amen

Lord's Prayer

“Our Father in heaven...”

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AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

The Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, his body and blood given in the bread and cup; all the baptized are welcome to this Table of Life. The ushers will direct you. Receive the bread, and then the wine either by drinking from the first cup or by dipping the bread in the second cup. The benefits of the sacrament are fully present in either the bread or the wine, should health reasons prevent you from receiving one of the elements. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you. If you are not communing, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, folding your hands.

“Lamb of God” *Sung in Latin*

HYMN 194

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

HYMN 324

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace to love as serve as Christ.

☩ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

“Lift High the Cross”

John Eggert

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Preacher	Vicar Andrea Bonneville
Organist	Mark Spitzack
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
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