



Accent on Worship

Cantor David Cherwien

New hymnal supplement

I once observed Paul Westmeyer hold up a primary denominational hymnal (at the time, *Lutheran Book of Worship*) and say, “These are the latest minutes of an ongoing meeting that the church is holding about worship.” I have always loved that image. It admits that we have a documented past especially in our rituals and its songs. It also implies that we’re not done with our

“reforming;” our growing in understanding God, in what we find meaningful and effective, and in our languages – both musical and linguistic, and how we share that Good News with the world when sent. Each era of time, each geographical place where God’s people worship and sing contributes to these minutes and over time the best and most effective gets carried forward in these minutes. It’s been 15 years since *ELW* was released, time for an update.

We’ve just received an addendum to that “meeting.” Those who attended liturgy in person last Sunday noticed a new resource that we used for hymnody. *All Creation Sings* is the new supplement hymnal produced by the ELCA, released last year (unfortunately during pandemic), as an effort to develop and support the ongoing renewal of worship in the churches. A lot has developed, become known, and grown, as has the diversity of ELCA in general since *ELW*’s 2006 publication.

There were some special emphases in what was included in this new resource. The title itself, Psalm 96’s example “in which the sky, the earth, the sea, the field, and the forest are invited into sung rejoicing at God’s coming.” (*All Creation Sings*, introduction, page 5) demonstrates a sense of our place in creation and our call to stewardship of this earth—certainly in the 10 new hymns in the “Stewardship, Creation” (such as the hymn sung as offertory last Sunday, #1063 “God of the Fertile Fields”) but is present in many other places. There was also careful thought given to contributions by women authors and composers, and images for God in a hope of a better balance of imagery. Topics that might have been underrepresented previously (such as “Lament”) have some additional contributions as well.

The formatting mirrors that of *ELW* – including the hymn numbers running from 900 to 1100 to demonstrate that the sequence goes from *ELW* to *ACS* without confusion. That’s a lot of hymns from which to choose! There are two new settings of the Eucharist – one of which designed for evening use. A section of Prayers, Thanksgivings, and Laments for either assembly or devotional use with many underrepresented topics such as “Healing from exploitation,” “Well-being of creation,” “Prejudice, racism,” “Pregnancy loss” and more. *continued on page 6*

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday, October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost,

Lect. 27 B

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost,

Lect. 28 B

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sunday Worship

9:00 am – Eucharist

11:00 am – Eucharist

(Livestreamed)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., September 29

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm Children's Choir
 (on Zoom)

No Cantorei rehearsal

Thurs., September 30

7 pm – Narcotics
 Anonymous

Sat., October 1

1-3 pm – Prayer Shawl
 Group

Sun., October 3

Pentecost 19

9 am – Holy Eucharist

11 am – Holy Eucharist

**2 pm – Blessing of
 Animals**

Tues., October 5

Noon – Bible Study
 7 pm – Missions
 Committee meeting

Wed., October 6

10 am – Staff meeting
 5:30 pm Children's Choir
 (on Zoom)

No Cantorei rehearsal

*In the
 presence of God.
 Being the
 presence of God.*

Sunday Morning Schedule

There are **two worship services on Sunday morning, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** To be able to continue COVID-related safety measures, we ask the following:

During this time, we will continue to request R.S.V.P responses for each worship in order to allow for physical distancing in the sanctuary. We will continue to require that you wear a well-fitting mask that covers your **nose and mouth**. Please do not move the pew ropes, to help with social distancing, and **please** leave the short pews for those with wheelchairs. This is especially important to protect those who are not vaccinated, including children. Coffee hour has been temporarily suspended.

The link to RSVP for worship is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/mountolive> . This link will be live each Wednesday for the following Sunday.

Calling All Members!

The usher corps is in great need of additional people to serve at our doors and in our sanctuary. Due to the comings and goings of many of our tenured ushers, we are seeking any member, new or veteran, to serve on the usher corps. Duties have currently changed to accommodate our response to Covid-19, but they overall stay the same in the way we welcome our members and guests.

If you think you could give up your pew once every few weeks and be ready to greet, collect offering, and direct the communion traffic flow, you would be a prime candidate! This job is also really great for families, engaging all individuals while carrying out the necessary tasks.

If you would be interested in this position or if you have any questions about it, please contact Brian Jacobs at 612-251-5942 with a call or text. He will be happy to train anyone interested and would quite possibly have you fill in this coming 4th quarter for some of the people who are unable to be with us. Otherwise, you would be scheduled in the first quarter of next year. The number of times serving per quarter ranges anywhere from two to four times and may involve evening and weekday services, depending on the season.

Worship Hosts Needed!

As you know, we are now checking in before each worship service. It would be great to have a few people who are willing to sit with those lists before every worship service, help people check off their names on the lists and make sure everyone gets a worship folder. This is especially helpful for guests. If you can do that on an occasional Sunday, please contact the church office (612/827-5915, welcome@mountolivechurch.org) or Lora Dundek (651/645-6636, lhdundek@usfamily.net). The primary requirements are that you are able to get to church about 30 minutes ahead of the worship service to which you're assigned and stay near the lists for 5-10 minutes into the service to help latecomers. We'd welcome your help!



Boldly into the Future Updates

If you haven't already done so, take a few minutes and listen to Elaine Halbardier and Elena Molbert talk about Mount Olive's parking lot and how it lives up to Mount Olive's commitment to the earth.

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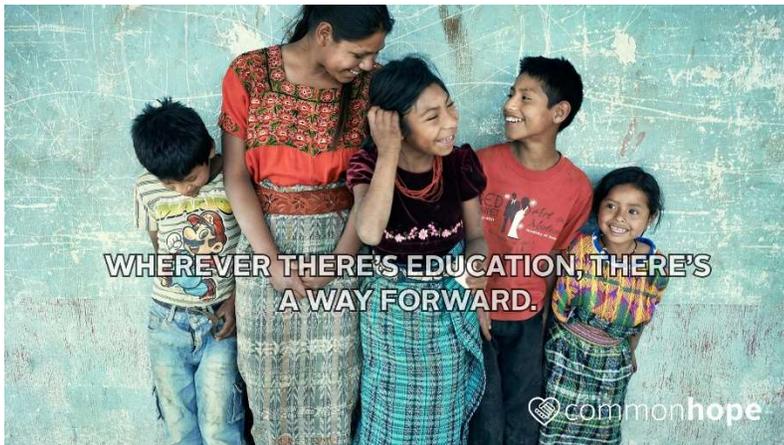
Boldly Into the Future donations and pledges now total 375,695!

Thanks so much to everyone that has returned their pledge! Please get your pledges in by October 3. You can mail your pledges to Mount Olive, drop them off on Sunday, or go to the Mount Olive website, fill in a [pledge form](#) and email it to welcome@mountolivechurch.org.

If you have any questions about Boldly Into the Future, please email Chandler Molbert at vpres@mountolivechurch.org.

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 2, 2:00 pm
Bring your pets to this annual
service of blessing!



Common Hope Sponsorpalooza

Mount Olive Lutheran Church is a proud [Faith Community Partner](#) with Common Hope, a local non-profit that is fighting poverty with diplomas in Guatemala. For 35 years, Common Hope has partnered with families in Guatemala to help remove barriers to education. In 2016 Mount Olive members visited to more fully participate in our partnership.

Mount Olive members are making an impact and helping students persevere. In addition to our church budgeted amount of \$1,500, Mount Olive members sponsor five students in Guatemala! We invite you to join these church members and [sponsor a Common Hope student](#). For a student in Guatemala, knowing that someone cares about your success and has confidence in you can be a game-changer. **YOU can be that person. You can *Be The Hope!***

[September 15-October 15 is Sponsorpalooza](#) at Common Hope. Become a sponsor this month and help trailblazing students find a sponsor! **Visit the Common Hope table to learn more or visit www.commonhope.org/sponsorpalooza**

Book Discussion

The Mount Olive Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 10:00 am. They have resumed meeting at church.

For the October 9 meeting, the book will be *The Darling*, by Russell Banks, and for November 13, the book is *The Little Red Chairs*, by Edna O'Brien.

Tuesday Noon Bible Study: New Link!

Since Tuesday, June 22, the Tuesday Noon Bible Study has been meeting in person again, in the West Lounge. For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well. Please note that we are no longer using GoToMeeting.

The link for the Tuesday noon Bible study will continue to be the same every week.

To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).

Getting to Know Our Newest Members

Over the next couple of issues of *The Olive Branch*, we will introduce you to some of our newest members who joined Mount Olive on September 19.



Jim and Jan Harbaugh come to us most recently from northern Iowa, where Jim served as pastor in Guttenberg. He was born in Florida, and graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Music degree and Seminex (Seminary in Exile) with an M.Div. He served churches in the Northern Illinois and Northeast Iowa Synods, retiring in 2020. He is particularly interested in serving in our neighborhood ministries and Worship, adult education, and perhaps adding his tenor voice to the Cantorei.

Jan holds degrees in Theological Studies from St. Louis University and an M.Div. from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. She has extensive experience working with the WELCA (Women of the ELCA), Neighborhood Ministries, music ministries, and education, among others. She also plays piano and the organ.

Jan and Jim have three daughters, two here in the Twin Cities and one in Chicago. They also have two sons-in-law and four grandchildren. Jan states that the transition to retired life combined with relocation to this area has had its challenges. Resuming worship has been “healing” and they are hoping to contribute to the life of the Mount Olive community in any way they can. Welcome, Jan and Jim!



Two of our new members, **Carolyn and Dave Hellerich**, both grew up in the Lutheran Church in America and met at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Carolyn is from Fredericksburg, VA. As a deaconess, Carolyn served congregations in Lansing and Grand Rapids, MI in Christian Education and Youth Ministry. Under synod call, she served as a Social Worker in a rehabilitation hospital in Lincoln, NE. She was called to be Church Relations Director at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, TX. While later serving a congregation in interim ministry, she discerned a call to ordained ministry and returned to LSTC. Ordained, she served congregations in St. Paul, NE and Yakima, WA.

Dave grew up in Lincoln, NE. After seminary, Dave served a congregation in Chambersburg, PA in Christian Education and Youth Ministry. While there, their son, Daniel, was born. He worked in the mid-80’s at Augsburg Publishing House here in Minneapolis, where their daughter, Bethany, was born. He was a teacher in Lincoln, NE, for many years. After retiring from teaching, he completed his studies and became a deacon. He served a congregation in Yakima, WA.

Carolyn and Dave began worshipping here at Mount Olive while both Daniel and Bethany were in Minneapolis attending Augsburg College, and continued to after Dan and Emily were married here and became involved in this congregation. Carolyn and Dave retired last year from their calls in Yakima, and now live in the Midtown Exchange Building near Mount Olive. Their daughter, Bethany, transferred here as well. She lives in San Francisco, CA.

The Hellerichs are already involved in the life of the congregation, attending Tuesday noon Bible study, and assisting with the livestream of Sunday worship. They will be helping to serve a meal at Our Saviour’s in December and are interested in the home communion ministry. Welcome, Carolyn and Dave!

Accent on Worship, *continued from page 1*

The Worship Committee approved the purchase of 350 copies for us to use in worship. When something from this book is included, the ushers will pass them out with the bulletins. If you would like to take one home for a week to look through it, that probably would be OK, but please bring it back! Our job now is to “try these clothes on” and if they fit, use them. What we find worthy and of long-lasting value will get carried forward.

The books were purchased in memory of Elmer and Muriel Jaster by their children. We thank God for Muriel and Elmer and extend our gratitude to God and the Jaster “children” for their generosity.

- Cantor David Chernien

The National Lutheran Choir All Saints Programs

After so many months of distance and turmoil, the National Lutheran Choir is returning to live performances with their annual program of remembrance. Join them in November for “All Saints: We Remember,” a live concert, and “Requiem Aeternam,” a virtual program, to honor loved ones we have lost this past year through sacred choral music.

Audience-submitted names of those who are no longer with us will be shared during these programs as we each mourn and heal from the loss of important people in our lives. To submit a name, visit www.NLCA.com/all-saints-2021.

All Saints: We Remember (Live Concert)

Friday, November 5th - 7pm @ Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN

November 7th - 4pm @ St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

Adults and seniors: \$30 | Students: Pay what you can | 18 and Under: Free

Requiem Aeternam (Virtual Program) Available for streaming November 6-8

Pay what you can; Suggested donation of \$5 per household

For tickets and more information, visit NLCA.com or call 612-722-2301.

In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Susan Cherwien; Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Evelyn Royce; John Salveson; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; *Adalyn Lerum*, relative of Nancy Anderson; *Danna Nelson, Jacques*, friends of Jim Bargmann; *Tom McCarr*, friend of Keith Bartz; *Sara Brunette*, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; *Arthur Kaemmer*, friend of David Bryce; *Lela Frazier*, sister of Irene Campbell; *Klarrisa Ramirez*, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; *Kristin Eklund-Johnson, Greg Eklund, Ryan Snelling*, daughter, son, and friend of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; *Rolf Skjei*, relative of Judy Graves; *David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr.*, father and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; *Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong)*, friend of Eunice Hafemeister; *Cat Robinette*, friend of Emily Hellerich; *Tami Huisinga*, relative of Wes Huisinga; *Craig Cunningham*, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; *Bob Adamson*, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; *Roger Bradford*, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; *Bill Ruchie*, cousin of Kathy Kruger; *Barbara Dahl*, sister of Carla Manuel; *Dani Olson, Harper Linguist, Steve Camper*, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; *Jan McCuen*, mother of Matt McCuen; *Brenda Frankman*, friend of Rachel Meuret; *Martha Johnson*, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; *Kathleen Austad*, sister of Jerry Ostlund; *Sue Smith, Steve Swanson, and Mary Peterson* friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; *Vince DeLusia*, friend of Cynthia Prosek; *Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesher Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams*, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; *Leila Jeffers*, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; *Miranda Ahvis*, niece of Tim Sneer; *Carrie*, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; *David Duran*, friend of *Kevin Vazquez*; *Andrew Wiechman*, son of Grace Wiechman; *Judy Bonnes, Tommie and Susie Hunter*; *Barbara C. Johnson*, friends of Mount Olive.

Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.

Our continual prayers are offered for peace: We pray for all the world's governments, leaders, and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: *Ross Chambers*, nephew of Berta & Bob Wick; *Solveig & Philip*, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and *Tyson Crosby*, relative of the Crosby family. (*Italics indicates non-member friends of Mount Olive.*)

About our prayer list ...

If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly, to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates.



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