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# 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. Worship is central to our life together, and 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. Please ask an usher if you need assistance!

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**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...” 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.

**Hymns 901-1100** are found in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, and are indicated as “ACS HYMN ...”

## Focus on the Season: Fourth Sunday in Lent, year C

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Lent is the time for coming home, returning to the waters of our baptism for nourishment and for life. In the ancient church it was also the season for reconciling lapsed Christians to the community of the faithful. Today’s readings provide images of such homecoming: Israel’s entry into the land of promise, a wandering son who returned to his waiting and prodigal father, and a non-wandering son who also finds welcome and love from his father.

# Fourth Sunday in Lent, year C

March 27, 2022 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

*The assembly gathers in silent preparation.*

## The Entrance Liturgy

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AT THE PROCESSION

*(stand at the sound of the bell)*

The Great Litany

HYMN 238

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. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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

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FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

*(seated)*

Response: ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 32

*The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 2, 5, 8, and 11.*



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



SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(standing)*

(8:00) "Glory and praise..."

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(10:45) *Sung by the choir*

*Choir: I will arise and go to my father and say, I have sinned against heaven and before you.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

*Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.*

SERMON

**Unconditional Embrace**

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*(standing)*

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

HYMN 588

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 4 – All

(8:00) NICENE CREED

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(10:45) *Affirmation of Faith: Reception into Membership*

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+ Sarah Estes, Harrison Defries & Rebekah Wold,  
Thomas Schattauer & Paula Carlson +

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*As our Lenten journey calls us back to our baptismal waters for nourishment and cleansing, we confess our sins and turn to the Triune God for grace, mercy, and life. All may kneel following the invitation to confession.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(remain kneeling)

Response: **☩** hear our prayer.

PEACE

(standing)

*You are invited to share Christ's peace with one another.*

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## *The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal*

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(10:45) AT THE OFFERING: “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

Timothy Angel

*O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze  
its day may brighter, fairer be.*

*Oh Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*Oh Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red.  
Life that shall endless be.*

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☩ Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, AND SANCTUS

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Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
- ☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** With this bread and cup . . . sins and sorrows will be no more.
- ☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send your Holy Spirit . . . bounty with all the world.
- ☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** Receive our praise and petitions . . . in your holy Church, now and forever.
- ☩ Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

*chanted by all*

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AT THE COMMUNION

*(seated)*

*All are welcome to God’s Table of grace. Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.*

“Lamb of God”

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“O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True”

HYMN 675

*Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.*

“We Sing to You, O God”

HYMN 791

COMMUNION BLESSING

*(standing)*

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

# The Liturgy of Sending

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## BLESSING

*Response:*     **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:                    Prelude and Fugue in c minor (BWV 847)

J. S. Bach

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Andrea Bonneville
<b>* Organist</b>	Joyce Brown
<b>Sacristan</b>	Tom Olsen
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Consuelo Crosby, Lora Dundek
<b>Livestream</b>	Reid Peterson

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Ruff	Connie Olson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Robin Rayfield, Al Bipes	Tim Pipkorn, Austin Crosby
<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn & Rob Ruff	Sue Browender, David Anderson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff   Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Katherine Hanson

*\* Cantor Cherwien is on vacation, returning to Mount Olive on April 3.*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor David Cherwien
<b>Sacristan</b>	Adam Krueger
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Art Halbardier
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Vicar Andrea Bonneville
<b>Livestream</b>	Eric Manuel

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	Grace Wiechman	Audrey Crippen
<b>Acolytes</b>	Matt McCuen & Katie Krueger	Bob Wick, Brad Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	John Bjork, Dale Kruse	Sue Browender, David Anderson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBA                      Katherine Hanson	Mary Crippen

*About the cover: Icon of The Prodigal Son, by the hand of Nicholas Papas.*



# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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## Sunday, March 27 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**8:00 am**      **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and fellowship

**10:45 am**    **Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members** (also streamed online),  
followed by coffee and fellowship

4:00 pm      MFA Event: Organ Concert by David Hurd

## Tuesday, March 29 – *Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church*

Noon         Bible Study (in person and online)

## Wednesday, March 30

9:00 am      Staff meeting

**Noon**        **Midweek Lenten Eucharist**

1:00 pm      Soup luncheon

5:30 pm      Children's Choir (on Zoom)

6:00 pm      Soup supper

**7:00 pm**     **Lenten Vespers**

7:30 pm      Cantorei rehearsal

## Thursday, March 31 – *John Donne, poet*

7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

## Friday, April 1

12:00 Noon   LSS Luncheon

7:00 pm      Recovery Group

## Saturday, April 2

9:00 am      Altar Guild Dusting and Polishing day

1-3 pm       Prayer Shawl group

## Sunday, April 3 – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**8:00 am**      **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and fellowship

**10:45 am**    **Holy Eucharist** (also streamed online), followed by coffee and fellowship

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel, Dennis Bidwell; Mary Dodgson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; George Oelfke; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; John Salveson; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; the family of Jake and Dannielle Lerum, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Gerry Coleman, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette and Marna Dahlgren, daughter-in-law and friend of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Kristin Eklund-Johnson, Greg Eklund, Ryan Snelling, daughter, son, and friend of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Aimee Engebretson; Robin Fritz, brother of Randy Fritz; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; Mara Golnitz, granddaughter of Darrell & Mary Golnitz; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., father and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Mark Kiefer, cousin of Bjorn Gustafson; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Cat Robinette, friend of Emily Hellerich; Maribeth, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Patrick Toay, friend of Kathy Kruger; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Marvolyn Refsland and Michael Uthe, cousin and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Kevin Lyndsley, former member of Mount Olive; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meurett; John Lee Molbert, father of Chandler Molbert; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Vince DeLusia, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Sue Smith and Steve Swanson, friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, friend of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Mary Peterson, friend of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Julius Underwood, grandson of James Wilkes; Pat Faunce, friend of Eric Zander; Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive. **At the death of:** Judy Bonnes, former member of Mount Olive.
- **For those in hospice care:** Evelyn Royce.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Karen Cherwien, Lawrence Crosby, Consuelo Crosby, Walter Cherwien, Peter Crippen, Brian Jorgenson, Amanda Torgeson, Penny Freeman, Evelyn Royce, Dennis Bidwell, Randy Fritz, Carol Martinson, and Lawrence Duncan.
- **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 of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
*The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.*

## ***The Commemorations***

**March 29:** *Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824* - Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

**March 31:** *John Donne, poet, died 1631* - After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

### **Midweek Lenten Worship**

Wednesdays, March 30 and Apr. 6

Noon – Holy Eucharist  
7:00 pm - Vespers

# **Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at Mount Olive**

**Sunday, April 10: *Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday***

+ Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10:45 am

**Mon.-Wed., April 11-13: *Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week***

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

**Thursday, April 14: *Maundy Thursday***

+ Holy Eucharist, Noon

+ Holy Eucharist, with Washing of Feet, 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 15: *Good Friday***

+ Stations of the Cross, Noon

+ Adoration of the Cross, 7 pm

**Saturday, April 16: *Holy Saturday***

+ The Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, followed by a festive reception

**Sunday, April 17: *The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day***

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



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