

The Olive Branch

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

April 6, 2022



Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 10
Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 24:14 – 23:56

Sunday, April 17
Resurrection of Our Lord
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-8

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

Accent on Worship: Have the same mind

Paul tells the Philippians this Sunday to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself . . .” That hope, that all who are in Christ share the mind of Christ, the willingness to be emptied in love for each other and the world, is why we walk together through the coming Holy Week.

The liturgies we celebrate in Holy Week help shape us into the mind of Christ. We just never quite knew how precious this was until it was taken from us. Twice we’ve missed gathering with palms outside the church on Sunday and hearing the Passion; for two years we’ve missed praying in the columbarium Monday through Wednesday. Twice we’ve missed gathering for the Triduum, the Three Days of our salvation, missed sharing the Supper on the night of Jesus’ betrayal, missed standing beneath the Cross. For two years we have missed waiting in the tomblike darkness of the womb of the nave on Holy Saturday for a sign of Christ’s light.

But in the grace and love of God, we are welcome back to this week together at Mount Olive. God grant that as you and I, and the Christian world, travel through these days together again, we might be blessed by the Spirit’s grace and be shaped to the mind and heart of Christ for the sake of this world Christ loved so much.

In Jesus’ name,

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed., April 6

9 am – Staff meeting

Noon – Midweek Eucharist

1 pm – Soup Luncheon

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

6:00 pm – Soup Supper

7:00 pm – Lenten Vespers

7:45 pm – Cantorei rehearsal

Thurs., April 7

7 pm – Narcotics Anonymous

Fri., April 8

7pm – Recovery Group

Sat., April 9**10 am – Funeral Eucharist:****LeRoy & Charlotte Erlandson****Sun., April 10****Sunday of the Passion****8 am – Holy Eucharist,**

followed by coffee & fellowship

10:45 am – Holy Eucharist*(livestreamed)*, followed by coffee & fellowship**Mon., April 11****Noon – Daily Prayer**

7:00 pm – Vestry meeting

Tues., April 12**Noon – Daily Prayer**, followed
by Bible Study**Wed., April 13**

9 am – Staff meeting

Noon – Daily Prayer

7:30 pm – Cantorei rehearsal

Funeral Arrangements for LeRoy & Charlotte Erlandson

A funeral Eucharist for our brother and sister in Christ, LeRoy and Charlotte Erlandson, will be held at Mount Olive **this Saturday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by a light luncheon.

LeRoy and Charlotte both died earlier in the pandemic, and their family wanted to wait until it was safer to gather for their funeral.

*Rest eternal grant them, O God,
and let perpetual light shine on them.
May LeRoy, Charlotte, and all the blessed dead,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

Thanks to the cleaning crew!

Many thanks to Beth Gaede, Peggy Hoelt, Gene Janssen, Jo Ellen Kloehn, Bonnie McLellan, and Cynthia Prosek, who cleaned our chancel, transepts, and narthex, and polished the brass candelabra and fittings in preparation for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Your labors are much appreciated!

Join in Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine

Your Missions Committee has given \$2,500 of Mount Olive's mission tithes to the ELCA Disaster Response earmarked for the disaster through which our brothers and sisters are living. Here is what will be done with our funds: "Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as the Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water, and hygiene kits."

You may join the effort by giving through the link provided or by donating through your blue envelope, marking your donation "For Ukraine," and we will forward your gift on to ELCA Disaster Response. We will forward any gifts received to the ELCA over and above our \$2,500 donation. *ELCA Disaster Response will match up to \$50,000 in donations.*

[Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.](#)

Our prayers abound for the loss and devastation experienced in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Book Discussion – Note Update!

Due to a conflict, the Mount Olive Book Group will not meet in April. They will resume as follows:

On May 14, they will discuss *The Moon and Sixpence*, by W. Somerset Maugham. On June 11, they will discuss *Little Fires Everywhere*, by Celeste Ng. On July 9, they will discuss *The Unseen*, by Roy Jacobsen.

Easter Carry-In Brunch

Bring your favorite brunch food to the Easter Carry-in Brunch! The Brunch will be held between liturgies on Easter Day, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

Paschal Garden

Donations are currently being received for this year's Easter Paschal Garden.

If you would like to donate to flowers for Easter, please be sure your contribution is clearly designated for this purpose. Gifts can be given any time between now and Easter.

Contributors may take a flower home following the second Easter liturgy.

You CAN Do This, and it Matters!

A spouse, parent, family member, or friend dies. The funeral liturgy we celebrate, and the hospitality that the community of Mount Olive offers to the grieving family and friends afterward is the beginning of healing time after time.

The team that provides the hospitality after the liturgy needs some help for these times. It is our tradition to provide a lunch or other gathering after the liturgy, a time for fellowship, conversation, and consolation. The team needs a few additional bakers who can bake a pan or two of bars of your choice (variety is good!).

Will you help? Please email me at ech914@comcast.net, or call me at 763-639-7702, or contact the church office with your YES!

Thanks in advance!

- Elaine Halbardier

The Earth Sings Beauty

Sunday, May 1, 4pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

The National Lutheran Choir's 2022 Spring Concert featuring the world premiere of *Lament of the Earth*, with music by Steve Heitzeg and libretto by Susan Palo Cherwien.

Winner of the Dale Warland Singers Commission Award, this new work delves into the symbiotic relationship between humanity and the natural world, bringing us all closer to the living being on which we live.

Featuring acclaimed mezzo-soprano Clara Osowski and the Minnesota Boychoir.

For tickets and additional information, visit www.nlca.com, or call the NLC office at 612-722-2301.

Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the West Lounge. For those who are unable to come in person, we will continue to hold the meeting over Zoom as well.

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

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

Easter Vigil Reception – It's Back!

We are bringing back our Easter Vigil Reception this year! The reception will be an extension of our Easter joy and be held upstairs in the Chapel Lounge and East Assembly Room area immediately following our 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16.

All are welcome!

Neighborhood Ministries Partners of the Month: Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association and Lake Street Council

April is another month where we have chosen to feature two organizations with connected and related missions.

The Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association works to enhance the lives of residents in our neighborhood through special events like the Powderhorn Park Art Fair. In addition, they communicate with and advocate for neighborhood residents on issues like housing, economic equity, safety, and security. The Powderhorn Park neighborhood is bordered by Lake Street on the north, Chicago Avenue on the west, 38th Street on the south, and Cedar Avenue on the east, putting Mount Olive right in the northwest corner of our neighborhood home.

The Lake Street Council serves and advocates for the Lake Street business community, working to ensure diversity and prosperity for all businesses, small and large, operating in the corridor. They do this through community events, clean energy retrofit projects, strategic planning, employee recruitment, and more. They have been and continue to be instrumental in helping businesses recover from the effects of the pandemic and the 2020 civil unrest.



First Meeting with Mount Olive Mentors

Claudia Beck's observations

“Our [first] meeting was great. The family was so welcoming ... Hospitality is clearly important to them, so they furnished us all with tea, nuts, treats, and juice. They are so incredibly thankful for everything the church has done to support them. They feel so happy here and are really looking forward to getting to know us. We have time set aside to go grocery shopping, get winter clothing and sign up for English classes. They understand some English as long as we speak slowly and not in paragraphs.” Claudia’s sons Atticus and Elliot have made friends with the children in the family.

Note: We are not allowed to share names, pictures, or details about the family at this time. Many of us have assumed that Lutheran Social Services (the resettlement agency with whom we are working) was concerned about family members in Afghanistan being identified through the personal information about this family. That is a concern, but the larger fear is much closer to home. Some Afghan families have been threatened by Minnesotans who are opposed to the Afghan resettlement. Not everyone is pleased to welcome these new neighbors. We need to be aware of this, speak out against such prejudice, and do all that we can to help the family that we are hosting to feel safe and welcomed.

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
Carry-in Brunch between the liturgies at 9:30 am (bring a dish to share!)



Mount Olive Lutheran Church

3045 Chicago Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

*A congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*

Contact Us

Phone: 612-827-5919

Fax: 612-827-4557

Web: www.mountolivechurch.org

Church Staff

Pastor – [Joseph Crippen](#)

Cantor – [David Chernien](#)

Vicar – [Andrea Bonneville](#)

Administrative Assistant – [Cha Posz](#)

Coordinator of Neighborhood

Ministries - [Jim Barymann](#)

Sexton – [Jose Moracho](#)

In This Issue:

- **Accent on Worship – Pastor Joseph Crippen**
- **Funeral Arrangements for the Erlandsons**
- **Easter Morning Carry-in Brunch – bring a dish to share!**
- **Holy Week Worship Schedule**
- **Book Discussion Schedule Changes**
- **Funds Still Needed for Relief for Ukraine**
- **Neighborhood Ministries Partners of the Month for April**