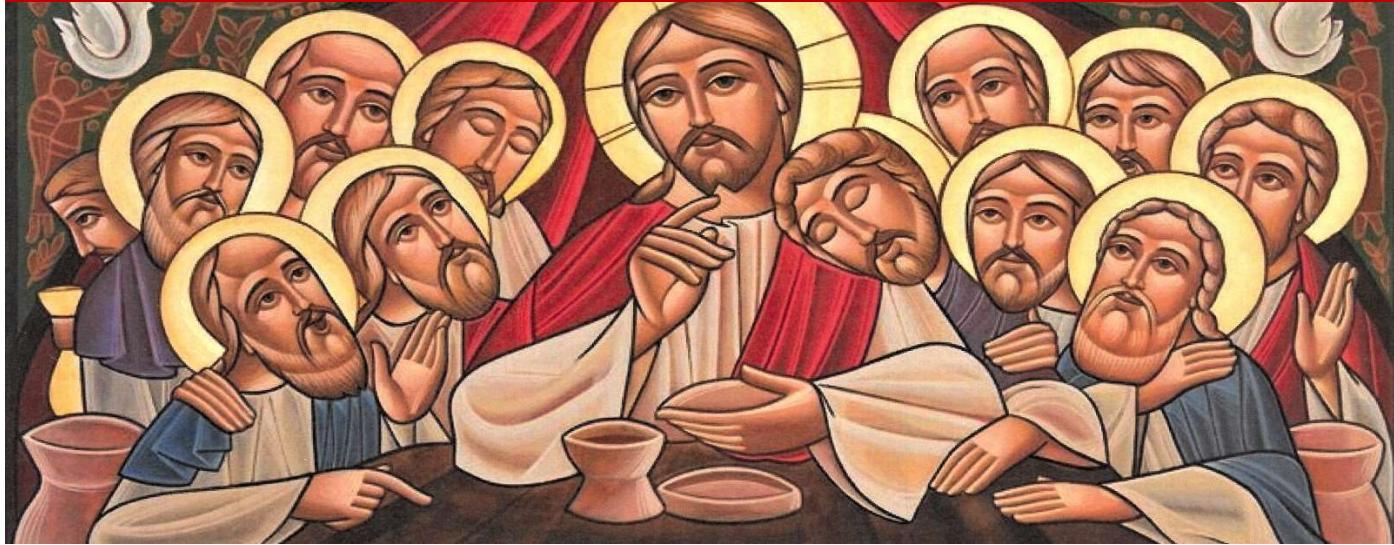


The Olive Branch

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

April 13, 2022



Sunday Readings

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

Sunday, April 24
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien*

The Great Rehearsal

Musicians have been rehearsing music for this week since March. Every season/day we celebrate in our liturgies comes early for musicians and other preparers. It's important, as doing so takes the stress out of the celebration. We know what to do, we know where we're going, and how to get there.

I think of Holy Week as a great rehearsal for all of us.

First off, it's interesting to ponder the word "rehearsal," or perhaps "re-hear." To hear it again. It may be odd to over-think this because we know how the story ends. It's not that we act surprised with the women at the empty tomb - "Oh, wow! The tomb is empty! He really did as he said!!" We know that part. But we do need to hear it over, and over, and over again.

So: For what might we be "rehearsing?"

One thing became clear to several of us this past year as we went through hospice and ensuing death with a loved one. That was one important context for which we've been rehearsing all our lives. We knew what to do, we knew where it was going. We were prepared. Or at least better prepared than if we had not rehearsed.

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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR***Wed., April 13***

9 am – Staff meeting

Noon – Daily Prayer

7:00 pm – Cantorei rehearsal

Thurs., April 14***Maundy Thursday******Noon – Holy Eucharist******7 pm – Holy Eucharist******Thurs., April 15******Good Friday******Noon – Stations of the Cross******7 pm – Adoration of the Cross******Sat., April 16******Holy Saturday***

10 am – Easter Vigil rehearsal

8:30 pm – The Easter Vigil,

followed by a festive reception

Sun., April 17***Resurrection of Our Lord******8 am – Holy Eucharist***

9:30 am – Easter Carry-in Brunch

10:45 am – Holy Eucharist

(livestreamed)

Mon., April 18

Church offices closed

Tues., April 19

Noon – Bible Study

Wed., April 20

10 am – Staff meeting

5:30 pm – Childrens Choir

(via Zoom)

7:30 pm – Cantorei rehearsal

Accent on Worship, *continued from page 1*

In the final stanza of “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (ELW 351, also known as “The Passion Chorale”) we sing, “Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die; remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh. These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move; for all who die ... die safely in thy love.” We sang it last Sunday and will sing it again on Good Friday.

For me this stanza and its meaning was a great anchor during Susan’s hospice – remembering the passion of Jesus on the cross. We had rehearsed it all our lives and Susan had often written about it. “It” would be the Jesus story: God came to live among us. God took on the frail but beautiful body in which we live on this earth; fully human. These bodies made up of the substance of the earth are susceptible to disease, injury, decay – amazing healing, but eventually do die. Sometimes the dying process is a horrible one. But Jesus kept saying “Yeah, that body dying thing – I know – but don’t worry about it and what happens after. The soul will live on and you won’t need the body anymore to do so. I’ll be with you the whole time, and . . . today (or whenever) you will be with me in paradise. Here – I’ll demonstrate.”

The passion story is without a doubt a more horrific and violent example of the end of a human body’s life – but as Jesus demonstrates, is not the end. We do not need to fear what happens. Jesus is even accused by authorities and put to death without a solid verdict of a crime. But yet he lives on in a glory larger than any of the accusing authorities.

That’s what we need to rehearse. To “re-hear” – year after year after year. Indeed, Jesus – remind us of your passion when our last hour is nigh. Help us to not be paralyzed by fear – the life we have is greater than any of the earthly limits and death cannot even take that away from us. Free us to be better compassionate people. Maybe with enough rehearsing, we’ll finally get it. God is with us. We do not need to be afraid.

- Cantor David Cherwien

Congregation Meeting to be Held April 24

The April semi-annual Congregation Meeting for 2022 will be held on **April 24th at 12:30 pm**, immediately following the second liturgy.

The meeting will be held in the Undercroft with the option of also attending online via Zoom. Please plan to attend either in person or online to discuss and vote on the election of Vestry Officers and Directors, Constitution and Bylaw change proposals, and other important updates.

The Mount Olive Foundation and Congregational Life Committee will host a luncheon immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

Additional information, including specific agenda and instructions for accessing the meeting online will be sent out closer to the time of the meeting.

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 through Easter day.

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

You Helped – and it Mattered!

Thanks to all who responded to our call for bar makers! We now have an adequate number of volunteers to call upon for this very specific need.

It seems like a very small thing, but it really is very important.

Thanks again to all who pitched in!

- 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.



photos of family members left behind and they asked us about our families.... The mother took my hand as we sat together and said 'You are my American mama.' My heart melted.

Note: The family has relatives here in the U.S. who have also had to flee the Taliban. However, they are very sad and concerned for the ones left behind. One family member lives in a Minneapolis suburb, but to visit him requires a 90-minute bus ride each way.

Observations by Connie Marty

"We were signed up to take the family grocery shopping. When I arrived, there were 5 mentors there, busy with the children and installing new blinds. I peeked in the fridge and it was jam packed with food.

During lunch we saw



Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at Mount Olive

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!)

Diaper Depot Update

This week, we mark the one year anniversary of the launch of our new Diaper Depot delivery model! And with that anniversary, we also find ourselves celebrating the growth of that program. We are serving more and more families with this important service. With that growth comes the need for more delivery drivers. Would you consider joining us in this work?

Currently, there are four of us driving diaper delivery routes. Ideally, I would like to add 2 or 3 more delivery drivers to our diaper depot program. This would lighten the load on our current drivers and allow us to better serve those in our community. Our existing drivers pick up diapers at Mount Olive and then deliver in neighborhoods close to where they live - offering them the opportunity to connect with families in their communities. We can use drivers in any part of the metro area, but in particular, we would like to add at least driver in the south suburbs (Bloomington, Richfield, Burnsville) and another one or two in the north-northeast suburbs (Fridley, Columbia Heights, New Brighton, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center).

Currently, we deliver diapers on Wednesday afternoons, but there is some flexibility in that schedule. Please email me at neighborhood@mountolivechurch.org if you are interested in joining us in this powerful and unique program.

- Jim Bargmann



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