

# The Olive Branch

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

April 27, 2022



## Sunday Readings

**Sunday, May 1**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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**Sunday, May 8**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

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

## Accent on Worship

*Jim Bargmann*

*I would invite you to have this week's Gospel lesson, John 21:1-19 open as you read these thoughts.*

At the close of this reading, we are given a glimpse into an intimate conversation between Jesus and Peter. At the end of what John tells us is Jesus' third appearance to the disciples after the resurrection, Jesus seemingly pulls Peter aside for a conversation. Jesus reminds Peter of his love of God, of his calling, and of his important place in God's work. It seems to be a tender, potentially emotion-filled moment, although, admittedly, I am reading those things into the text.

The last time we saw Peter this Lenten and Easter season, he and just run to the garden with John and saw the tomb where they had laid Jesus, now containing only linen strips.

Peter was likely with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them twice after, although no interaction between them was recorded by the Gospel writers. I picture Peter sitting back, unsure of his place, his standing, whether he really belonged anymore. But again, I am reading some things that are not explicitly said into this text.

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## Bach-Tage 2022: June 4-5, 2022

### *We're Back!*

After two years of COVID, Bach-Tage at Mount Olive Minneapolis returns by popular demand. A magnificent Bach cantata, #78, *Jesu, der du meine Seele* and a lovely setting of *Magnificat* by Johann Pachelbel will be studied and rehearsed over the two days with conductor Kathy Romey. The Bach-Tage Orchestra and vocal soloists will join conference participants in performing this music at Evening Prayer on Sunday, June 5. On Saturday, June 4, another program titled "Trios!" will be performed by baroque flutist David Ross, soprano Heather Cogswell, Violinist Marc Levine, harpsichordist Tami Morse, cellist Charles Asch, and organist David Cherwien.

### **Bach-Tage Registration Open**

Early registration is encouraged! Please complete [this registration form](#) and return it to Mount Olive office. Registration may be limited to make sure that health safety protocols are followed.

**COVID vaccination required!** With the number of COVID cases declining, the prospects for a successful gathering are very good. Bach-Tage leaders will be following the latest health updates and keeping everyone informed throughout this spring. For the safety of all, evidence of up-to-date vaccinations is required.

[Click here to download the music file for Bach Cantata #78](#)  
[Click here to download the file for the Pachelbel Magnificat](#)

Please contact the church office to have these materials mailed to you.

Extra brochures for Bach Tage are available at church.

### **Book Discussion**

The Book Discussion group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am at church. All readers are welcome! 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.

### **Thank You!**

*To my dear friends at Mount Olive,*

*Thank you for the greetings, cards, balloons, flowers, and wonderful rendition of "Happy Birthday" by the Mount Olive Cantorei.*

*You have all made my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday a truly memorable, once-in-a-lifetime event.*

*Thank you so much!*

*- Leila Froehlich*



## Easter Paschal Garden Contributors

Thanks to all who contributed to the fund for Easter flowers to beautify our Easter worship this year: Mark & Linda Pipkorn; Carol Martinson; Memos Katsoulis, in memory of Ellen Katsoulis; Rob & Lynn Ruff; Larry Duncan, in memory of his parents, Annetta & Thomas Duncan; Heather Halen; Don Luther; Dennis Bidwell; John Bjork; and Mary Rose and Dave Kaliher. **Late additions:** Andrew Andersen and Carol Austermann.

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## 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](http://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](#).

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**Ascension  
Of Our Lord  
Thursday, May 26  
Holy Eucharist at  
7:00 p.m.**

*All are welcome.*

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## It's That Time of Year – Tulip Watch and Garden Clean Up

As we finally enter spring, it is time to start watching 500 red tulips and dozens of daffodils come up in our gardens at church. The bulbs were planted last year by a very loyal and hard-working group of garden volunteers.

And the time has come for garden volunteers to once again take on the tasks that keep our grounds looking so beautiful. This involves clean up, tree and brush trimming, and mulching of beds. The first clean-up day will be **Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am**. Beyond this date there will be work days scheduled on a regular basis to weed, trim, and enjoy the beauty of the gardens and the pollinators that they support.

If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Carol Martinson at 612-708-9849, or by email to [property@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:property@mountolivechurch.org).

All are welcome!

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## Two More Outings with the Afghan Family

Connie Marty and her two young Hmong friends, along with Judy Hinck, took the mom and the little boy and girl to the Eagle's Nest play area in New Brighton. The young boy had a blast racing through the climbing and sliding maze with the two Hmong girls. We didn't know that there would be so much for the little 9 month-old girl to do, but she absolutely loved the toddler area as her mom showed her new things to play with and new tasks to explore. Then they all headed into the gym for scooter riding and bouncy house jumping. It was a great morning for all.

This outing was taken while the adults had spring break from English Language classes. We just learned that they passed a test to move up to the next level! Congratulations!





## Getting to Know Our Newest Members: *Paula Carlson & Thomas Schattauer*

**Paula Carlson** has lived in the Loring Park neighborhood of Minneapolis since July 2019 when she retired as president of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Her previous positions include serving as vice president for mission at St. Olaf College and Director of the Wendt Center and associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Dubuque. Paula taught in the English departments at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame; Yale University; and the University of Dubuque. She is a graduate of St. Olaf College and holds graduate degrees from Columbia University.

Paula grew up in St. Paul and New York City.

Paula is the co-contributing editor of *Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith*, a four-volume series of books and resources published by Augsburg Fortress Press (1994-2003).

Paula and her husband, Thomas Schattauer, have a son, Peter, and a daughter, Anna, who is married to Joseph Schattauer Paillé. Paula and Tom were thrilled to welcome grandson Jonas Einar Schattauer Paillé on January 11th this year.

Paula has worshipped at Mount Olive occasionally over the past decade and has always felt warmly welcomed by the Mount Olive community. In the Lutheran churches Paula has belonged to in the communities where she's lived over the years, she's served as a member of church councils, a committee chair, and a Sunday School teacher. She's particularly enjoyed women's Bible study and book groups.

Paula enjoys biking, reading, knitting, attending concerts, seeing plays, sharing meals with friends, and taking long walks with her dog, Lykke.

**Tom Schattauer** has recently retired after serving as professor of liturgics and dean of the Chapel at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, for the past twenty-five years. Prior to that he taught worship and directed the chapel at Yale Divinity School and Institute of Sacred Music. Tom spent his undergraduate years at St. Olaf College and holds graduate degrees from Yale Divinity School and the University of Notre Dame. He is a pastor in the ELCA and has served congregations in Indiana and Connecticut. Tom grew up in a pastor's family in several Iowa towns—Storm Lake, Council Bluffs, and Ames.

Tom is married to Paula Carlson. Their lives have been blessed with two children, Peter and Anna, and now a grandson, Jonas (see Paula's bio). His interests include reading theology as well as novels suggested by Paula, walking their dog Lykke, biking, and making meals to share with family and friends. He has a longstanding interest in the early history of Christianity and has led five pilgrimage journeys to the Holy Land.

Tom has enjoyed number of visits to Mount Olive over the years with students from the seminary. We were always grateful for your hospitality and the experience of a congregation with a rich liturgical and musical tradition. Tom loves to participate in worship with an engaged, singing congregation.