



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!

Mount Olive is equipped with a hearing assist loop. If you use a hearing aid equipped with a T-Coil, switch your device to T-Coil to access. If your aid does not have that option, small headsets are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

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: Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection. The ancient sign of ashes reminds us of our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023 † Noon & 7:00 p.m.

† The Entrance Liturgy

In keeping with the solemnity of this day, the people assemble in silence. Please stand at the sound of the bell.

PSALM 51:1-12

setting by Peter Hallock

The choir sings the verses and the congregation sings the refrain:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

(standing)

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

† The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

(seated)

Response: **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Let your steadfast love...”

(standing)

HYMN 176

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

The Rev. Rob Ruff

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Restore in Us, O God”

(standing)

HYMN 328

INVITATION TO LENT

☩ Friends in Christ ... these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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☩ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

(kneeling)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(seated) page 254

You are invited to meditate on Psalm 30 or Psalm 90. Those who wish to receive ashes may come to the communion rail or indicate to an usher if you are unable to come forward and wish to receive in the pew. Penitents may either kneel or stand to receive ashes.

Dialog

(kneeling)

☩ Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

☩ that we may show forth your glory in the world.

☩ By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

☩ bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name + of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen

Silence for reflection.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **C hear our prayer.**

PEACE

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

(standing)

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(7 pm) "Out of the Depths"

Heinrich Schutz

*Out of the depths we cry, Lord, O hear our plea we beseech thee,
O hear us as we cry to thee.*

Who shall stand before thee, Lord, if thou forgive not our sin?

On thee only our souls wait, in thy word is all our faith and trust.

Hope and joy are in thee evermore.

Our souls wait upon thee, O Lord, let all wait upon thee, O Lord.

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **C Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- ☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- ☐ With this bread and cup . . . sins and sorrows will be no more.
- ☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- ☐ Send your Holy Spirit . . . bounty with all the world.
- ☑ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- ☐ 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)

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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"Savior, When in Dust to You"

HYMN 601

Stanzas 3 is sung in canon; Treble voices begin.

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

HYMN 811

Sung in harmony

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

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- A** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in d minor (The Little)

J. S. Bach

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon: The Holy Eucharist,
followed by soup and bread luncheon.

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm: Evening Prayer,
preceded by soup and bread supper at 6 pm.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher The Rev. Rob Ruff
Organist Cantor David Cherwien
Eucharistic Minister Vicar Mollie Hamre
(7 pm) Choir Cantorei
(7 pm) Streaming / Audio Mix Eric Manuel / David Molvik

	<u>Noon</u>	<u>7:00 p.m.</u>
Sacristan	Tom Olsen	Brad Nelson
Assisting Minister	Beth Gaede	Tricia Van Ee
Lector	Diana Hellerman	Adam Krueger
Acolytes	John Meyer, Carol Austermann	Lora Dundek, Wes Huisinga
Ushers	Elaine & Art Halbardier	Robin Rayfield, Kandi Jo Nelson
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