



## *Lenten Vespers*

*March 8, 2023 + 7:00 p.m.*

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

# Toward the Spring of Life

---

Across the history of the church, the Lenten season has developed in a variety of ways as a time of preparation for baptism and its renewal at the coming Vigil of Easter.

In the season of Lent this year at Mount Olive, we make a communal walk in our midweek liturgies toward the spring of life. Lent's lengthening days are a reminder of the growing hope that comes for all who are united with Christ in his dying and rising in the font.

The theme of each of the five weeks is taken from the Affirmation of Baptism liturgy (ELW, p. 237) and gives us as a community of faith an opportunity to reflect upon the renewal of our baptismal covenant with Christ, with one another, and with the world as we mark the journey to the joy and promise of Christ's rising from the tomb.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

March 1: *To live among God's faithful people.*

**March 8: *To hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper.***

March 15: *To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.*

March 22: *To serve all people, following the example of Jesus.*

March 29: *To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

Copies of today's Wednesday noon sermon are on the table with the service folders tonight, and on the church website at [www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org) and select "Sermons" from the list at the bottom of the page.



Hymn

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

HYMN 520

*Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.*

✝ Word

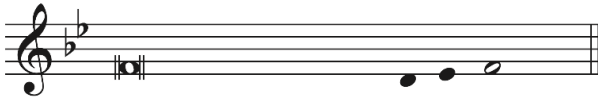
---

Reading: Isaiah 55:6-13

*(seated)*

*A brief silence follows the reading.*

Dialog



☐ Long ago God spoke . . . | by the prophets.

☑ **but now in these last days God has spoken to us | by the Son.**

Gospel Canticle

*(standing)*

“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

HYMN 573

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

*(kneeling)* page 316

Blessing

*(standing)* page 319

Hymn

“Christ, Mighty Savior”

HYMN 560

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

*Stanza 3 – All*

## **Participants**

Leader: Interim Pastor Paul E. Hoffman

Organist: Cantor David Cherwien

Sacristan: Art Halbardier

Usher: George Ferguson

Livestream: Dan Hellerich



*Mount Olive Lutheran Church* (ELCA)

3045 Chicago Avenue South • Minneapolis, MN 55407

Phone: (612) 827-5919 • Fax: (612) 827-4557

*Musical, Liturgical, Welcoming + A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

Email: [welcome@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:welcome@mountolivechurch.org) + On the web: [www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org)

*Staff*

Interim Pastor – Paul E. Hoffman

Cantor – David Cherwien

Intern – Mollie Hamre

Administrative Assistant – Cha Posz

Sexton – Jose Morocho

Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry – Jim Bargmann

