



# The Olive Branch

March 8, 2023

## Sunday Readings

**March 12, 2023**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

**March 19, 2023**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

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

## Accent on Worship

*Cantor David Cherwien*

Something of which you are invited to take notice.

This Sunday for the Gospel reading we will hear the story of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well.

We will also be singing the hymn, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

This text is by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889) who was a pastor, editor, and writer in Scotland. He wrote about six hundred hymns, two of which are in ELW. The text, "I Heard the Voice" begins with Jesus' call in the first two lines, followed by our response in the last two lines. Stanza one, "I heard the voice of Jesus say: 'Come unto me and rest, lay down, O weary one'..." which is followed by our response, "I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad...and he has made me glad." Stanza two especially connects to this Sunday's woman at the well narrative: "I heard the voice of Jesus say:... 'Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one'...", and we respond: "I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream..."

One could say that the first two lines are a different mood than the second two. The first two lines include words like "rest," "weary," "thirsty," yet the second half, "...and he has made me

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glad," or "my soul revived," and "my star, my son, light of life..." – certainly contrasting mood words.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) has this text paired with two different tunes. The nature of each tune brings out different things or moods of this text.

The first tune (ELW 332) is by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585), and is a more ethereal, mystical, yet simple setting. Originally it was one of several tunes written for a publication of the Psalter and intended for the rage of Psalm 2 ("Why are the nations in an uproar?"). For you music geeks: it's one of the few hymns in the Phrygian mode, with that mysterious minor second degree of the scale. Several hundred years later, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1871-1958) composed a lush piece for orchestra based on this tune, which is perhaps where we get the ethereal interpretation over its original rage connection.

The other tune (ELW 611) makes use of the tune *KINGSFOLD*. This is a folk tune for which Ralph Vaughan Williams also is responsible in its use as a hymn tune. *KINGSFOLD* is paired with four different texts in the ELW, and all are good pairings of text and tune. This sturdy tune is full of drive and vitality, and certainly pairs well with "the response" moods of this text.

So which will we sing? Come and see. Then think about why that choice was made. This is an exercise you could do any time with any of our hymns. There probably is not one answer, and multiple answers would be correct as multiple perceptions are the natural result of art of any form. It's the mere thinking that you might find helpful and which might bring additional meaningfulness to our time together as one in our assemblies.

So, come and sing.

- Cantor David Cherwien

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## In Case You Missed It....

John Crippen's two-part Adult Forum presentation on Native Dakota homelands is now available on YouTube. To find them, go to our YouTube page, (Mount Olive Lutheran Church Minneapolis), or click on the links below.

Part 1 - <https://youtu.be/nPI7VzZBbjw>

Part 2 - <https://youtu.be/c0hSZvxTFOk>

## Calendar

### Wednesday, March 8

- 9:00 am Staff meeting  
Noon *Midweek Lenten Eucharist*  
1:00 pm Soup Luncheon  
5:30 pm Children's & Youth Choirs Supper  
6:00 pm Children's & Youth Choirs rehearsals  
6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm *Midweek Lenten Vespers*  
7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal

### Thursday, March 9

- 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### Friday, March 10

- 7:00 pm Recovery group

### Saturday, March 11

- 10:00 am Book Discussion Group  
Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday in Lent  
8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation  
9:30 am Education for all ages  
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee and conversation  
Noon Taste of Afghanistan meal

### Monday, March 13

- 5:30 pm Family Music Time (online) for kids aged birth-kindergarten+caregiver  
7:00 pm Vestry meeting

### Tuesday, March 14

- Noon Bible Study  
6:30 pm Feminine Divine Study group

## Midweek Lenten Worship

### *Wednesdays in Lent*

Holy Eucharist at Noon,  
followed by Soup Luncheon

Vespers at 7:00 pm,  
preceded by Soup Supper at 6 pm

*All are welcome.*

## Tuesday Noon Bible Study Link

The Tuesday Noon Bible Study is meeting in person, in the **East Assembly Room** 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](#).

## Book Discussion

For its March 11 meeting, the group will read *These Precious Days*, by Ann Patchett, and for April 15, *The Bohemian Flats*, by Mary Relindes Ellis.

The Mount Olive book group has been meeting once a month for 20 years, usually on the second Saturday from 10am to noon. While the book selections are predominately novels, they are not always so. Lately the group has been using Zoom to provide remote access to the sessions. If you would like to participate in the group, you can either attend the monthly sessions which meet at the church or join remotely via Zoom. To join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, [click here](#).

The names of the books for the two upcoming sessions are published in *The Olive Branch*, along with instructions for joining via Zoom. If you would like a list of the books the group has read, make a request at the church office along with your email address.



## Taste of Afghanistan – This Sunday!

Last May we celebrated Eid with the Mohammadi family on a chilly day in May. You can join these Mount Olive friends and all of the rest of us who have prayed for and supported this wonderful family this past year.

Don't let daylight savings time catch you unawares! Set your clocks ahead so that you can join Anita and her family at 9:30 to learn more about Afghanistan and how the Mohammadi family has been doing in America this past year. Then after the second liturgy join the whole family in the undercroft. It will be warm, and you'll get to taste the same food made by Mount Olive members using Anita's recipes. Mustafa and Milad (Anita's brother) will join us after their work shift at the airport. Let's all celebrate a year of learning, sharing, and wonder.

## Afghan Adjustment Act

Get ready to blast our Congress with demands to get this act passed so that our Afghan neighbors can have a secure home in America. More information will be available at the Taste of Afghanistan.

## Upcoming Education Topics

**March 12:** "A Taste of Afghanistan" (see page 4).

**March 19:** "J. S. Bach: A Musical Theologian," presented by Mount Olive member, Art Halbardier. Luther's friend, Johann Walther, wrote, "Music and theology are the gift of God. God has finely clothed music in the outer-garment of theology." Three centuries later, Johann Sebastian Bach pursued a mirror reflection of Walther's idea: "Theology finely clothed in the outer-garment of music." Though Bach never wrote a book or scholarly essay about theology, his theology and deep faith were the foundation of his marvelous religious compositions. (This presentation was originally scheduled for Adult Forum on March 15, 2020. That weekend the Covid outbreak forced the cancellation of in-person gathering for worship and education for the following 15 months. At last, its time has come!)

**March 26:** "With Fresh Eyes," presented by Interim Pastor Paul E. Hoffman. On his final Sunday of leadership among us, Pastor Hoffman will offer an adult education reflection - *With Fresh Eyes*. During this hour together, he will share with us the observations that he's made about our ministry and life together at Mount Olive. Woven around passages of Scripture, these reflections will be offered as a gift for us to take forward after spending these three months together as pastor and people of God.



This Coming Week, We Will Wonder:

Circle One: Jesus & Bartimaeus  
Circle Two: Faces of Easter 4

*I wonder what conversations you will have at home!*

Please note that we hold Godly Play every Sunday at 9:30am!

## Not Sitting Very Pretty in the West Assembly

Have you noticed that the 15-year-old sofas in the West Assembly area are showing wear and tear? Two of our members have offered to purchase one of the sofas needed, but there is an opportunity for others to donate funds to purchase a second one so we have matching items. If you can assist please note on your check that the amount is for the "West Assembly sofa fund."

Any amount is greatly appreciated.



**Sunday, March 19 - 4:00 pm**

## **Billy McLaughlin with Members of Simple Gifts**

Billy McLaughlin is recognized as an innovative performer and composer who embraces the advantages of acoustic guitar amplification, unorthodox techniques, and altered tunings while celebrating a gift for melody.

His enormous yet fluid acoustic guitar tone has carried him around the world to Billboard's Top 10 chart and most recently

through a devastating medical disorder called focal dystonia. McLaughlin has had to relearn the guitar lefthanded and is in the early stages of what might be described as "one of the great musical comeback stories of all time." His story is the subject of an award-winning documentary film, "Changing Keys: Billy McLaughlin and the Mysteries of Dystonia."

## **Advance Notice – Bach Tage 2023**

Our SECOND POST-COVID BachTage is planned for June 10/11, 2023. Mark the dates on your calendar now! We will continue to require full vaccination against COVID-19 for the safety of all. Though there is less concern about the virus as more time passes, it remains important to be cautious.

Over the two days, June 10 & 11, we will study and rehearse Bach's Cantata #105, *Herr, gehe nicht ins Gericht mit deinem Knecht*, and a setting of the Magnificat by Marc-Antoine Charpentier. These will be performed during the Service of Evening Prayer Sunday, June 11, at 4 pm. Kathy Salzmann Romey will again be our conductor, with the musicians of the Bach-Tage orchestra and vocal soloists.

Guest artist Kris Kwapis will join the ensemble this year. Kris is a faculty member at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, teaching cornetto and natural trumpet. She has performed with New York Collegium, Tafelmusik, and Boston Early Music Festival. She will be playing in the Bach cantata as well as a Sonata by Georg Philipp Telemann.

On Saturday, June 10, Organist Joseph Trucano will present an All-Bach recital at 4 pm on Mount Olive's historic Schlicker organ. Joseph Trucano is the Organist and Ensemble Director at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis as well as the Artistic Director of Skål Chamber Collective.

More information and the opportunity to register will be available in a few weeks, but get the dates on your calendar now!

*Neighborhood Ministry Education*

## **Lunch & Learn**

*Wednesday, March 15, 1:00-2:30 pm*

Mount Olive will again host this event, organized by our partner, Align Minneapolis. We will have the opportunity to meet with Steve Horsfield, Executive Director of Simpson Housing. Lunch will be provided.

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## **March Neighborhood Ministries Partners of the Month: *Sabathani Community Center and Community Emergency Service***

In March, we highlight two of our partners that work on issues of food insecurity in our south Minneapolis community as a part of the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, a state-wide initiative intended to bring together “organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals” to raise awareness about the issue of food insecurity and support for local food programs.

“**Sabathani Community Center** is one of Minnesota’s oldest African American-founded nonprofits... [and] helps equip approximately 32,000 South Minneapolis residents annually” though their food shelf, clothes closet, seniors programs, workforce initiatives, support for school-age children, and more.

**Community Emergency Service** or CES, works to alleviate hunger and food insecurity through an on-site food shelf, food delivery programs, a partnership with Meals on Wheels, and it’s unique Ani-Meals program, providing food for pets and service animals.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget, and often, like our partner this month, we also volunteer in support of their work. On top of those financial and labor contributions, we encourage any member who wishes to donate over and above our budgeted amount to those partners doing work in their areas of passion and concern. You can do this using your offering envelopes or our online giving system. All additional contributions to our partner of the month will be distributed to the partner for the month in which the contribution is received.

In addition, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items in the cart located in the West Assembly to be divided between our two food shelf partners. However, for those who are able, we strongly encourage monetary donations. Because our food shelf partners have access discounts and bulk purchase opportunities not available to regular consumers, monetary donations to our partners allows them to purchase much more food for the same cost.

For more information about the work of the Sabathani Community Center, please visit their website at [sabathani.org](http://sabathani.org). For more information about CES, please visit [cesmn.org](http://cesmn.org).

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ  
congregation.*

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