



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. We believe that worship is central to our life together, that 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. Busy bags for children are available in the coat room. Please ask an usher if you need 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...” in caps 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.

Focus on the Season: Holy Cross Day

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the cross of Christ as the heart of God’s love for the whole cosmos, as John claims today. Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God, Paul says, even though it looks like foolishness to the rest of the world. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift the cross as the sign of God’s sacrificial love for the whole universe, into which we all are called.

Holy Cross Day

Thursday, September 14, 2023 † 7:00 p.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Improvisation on “Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”
The hymn is sung without further introduction.

AT THE PROCESSION *Facing the cross as it is carried into the nave*
“Sing, My Tongue” HYMN 356
Stanzas 1, 2 – All *Stanza 5 – Treble voices*
Stanza 3 – Low voices *Stanzas 6, 7 – All*
Stanza 4 - Organ

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole creation to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4b-9

(seated)

Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 98:1-4

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone:



SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:18-24

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.

Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading.

(standing)

HYMN 660

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Foolish Trust, Foolish Way

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy God, Holy and Glorious”

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

(standing)

HYMN 637

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **☩ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING (seated)

OFFERTORY (standing)

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” ACS HYMN 954

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 4 – All

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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.**

☞ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup . . . the great and promised feast.

☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☞ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit . . . with all your saints in light.

☞ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☞ Join our prayers . . . in your holy Church, now and forever.

☞ **Amen**

Lord’s Prayer

“Our Father in heaven...” page 112

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.

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“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” HYMN 324

TABLE BLESSING (standing)

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☩ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

D. Cherwien

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