



The Olive Branch

October 25, 2023

Sunday Readings

October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

Lect. 30 A

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

November 4, 2023

All Saints Sunday

Lectionary 30

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

Accent on Worship *Cantor David Cherwien*

"The Liturgy"

Throw those two words into a conversation, and it's possible two people conversing would be talking about two different things. For some, "the liturgy" is a prescribed pattern (by a mythical "they") that is faithfully observed on Sundays and other occasions. For others, the words "the liturgy" might refer to the songs of the ordinary (Kyrie, Glory to God, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God, etc.). While both are probably correct, there is much more. I thought it helpful to explain how we planners approach the comment to help clarify conversations about the liturgy.

Many of us were taught that the word "Liturgy" itself means "work of the people." So, in essence, the definition would be "that which we gather to do." In a generic way, there are four main components can be expanded and contracted through optional inclusions: Entrance, Word, Meal, Sending. Each of these four can be shaped in a variety of ways. Sending, which happens quickly at the end of the liturgy, is actually the longest as it stretches from the time we leave the Nave and continues until we grab our coats to return for the next liturgy. The sending is not only sending us away from the church after a service, it is sending the Gospel into the world through our lives – the work of the people goes on.

Rather than "the liturgy" being one prescribed and complete map of activities, "The Liturgy" is actually a set of puzzle pieces (among many options) custom fit for a once-in-a-lifetime assembly of people of God. Options help illuminate and/or deepen the observance of a liturgical season -- most of which

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adjust the opening part, the “Entrance.” Options help in facilitating the fullest and conscious participation of those we anticipate will assemble, hopefully including that which represents who they are, creating a unified body, not representing a particular individual within.

The ELW includes ten “settings” of Holy Communion. Textually, they are very close to identical, but what varies is the musical canticles/songs. The intent in offering that many settings is not that all congregations learn all ten and rotate. They represent a variety of expressions/styles – the oldest being Gregorian Chant (setting 5), the two primary traditional settings from the previous hymnal (settings 3, 4), an American folk setting (setting 2 by Marty Haugen), African/American Gospel (setting 6) a LatinX setting (setting 7), newly commissioned settings for this book (settings 1 and 9), and a setting with melodies derived from known hymns (setting 10) perhaps for communities with limited musical resources. The hope is that planners pick one or a few of these settings which best match the assembling community and use mainly just those – often. This helps to provide for the best expression and with repeated use they can become very familiar. It is also possible to “assemble” a setting using songs from resources other than the 10 settings of ELW, as is the case for our summer Eucharists.

In addition, each individual setting is full of “may rubrics” (an activity which “may” be included -- or not), and options for which of the songs are sung. We pick one setting for a season, and currently have been using “setting one” for ordinary time since September and will continue to do so until Advent. While setting one takes up 20 pages (pp 94-114), our current liturgies are made up of about 5 of those pages. The one portion that is always used is the Great Thanksgiving through the Sanctus and Eucharistic Prayer. Right now, that is the extent of our use of the setting, with the exception of the Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” which is melodically related to the Sanctus.

So when the phrase “The Liturgy” is used, I would probably ask “Which one?” because they all are different. Different puzzle pieces that fit together are assembled to create a whole, but each week, each season, quite different yet also consistent.

The goal, always, is to help facilitate a meaningful, balanced flow that engages, edifies, and perhaps even prods a little.

So. What are your thoughts?

- Cantor David Cherwien

Calendar

Wednesday, October 25

10:00 am Staff meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
7:00 pm Y2 Confirmation
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 27

Noon Bible Study
7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, October 28

9:00 am Gardening Day
9:00 am CPR Training
3:00 pm Early Music Minnesota Concert

Sunday, October 29 – Reformation Sunday, Lect. 30

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
9:30 am Education for all ages (Godly Play, Adult Forum)
10:45 am *Holy Eucharist*, followed by coffee & conversation
Noon Congregation Meeting, followed by Oktoberfest!

Monday, October 30

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online)
7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

Tuesday, October 31

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, November 1

10:00 am Staff meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
7:00 pm Y2 Confirmation
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Congregation Meeting to be Held This Sunday, October 29

The semi-annual Congregation Meeting of Mount Olive congregation will be held on **Sunday, October 29, following the second liturgy.**

The primary purpose of this meeting is to approve a budget for 2024. **Childcare will be provided.**

All voting members are encouraged to attend. Plan to stay after the meeting for Oktoberfest!

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

Book Discussion group will skip their October session to leave more time to read Fyodor Dostoevsky's great novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, which they will discuss on November 11. For the December 9 meeting, they will discuss *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee.

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 in person or join remotely via Zoom. To join from your computer, tablet, or smart phone, [click here](#).

Conspiracy vs. The Bible:

Monday/Thursday Bible Study Begins Nov. 6

Next month, Vicar Lauren will lead a six-session Bible Study looking closely at common elements of modern American conspiracy theories that are drawn from a Christian worldview, such as the Devil, the end times, Jewish people, and Christian nationalism. We'll be comparing the conspiracy theory versions of these ideas with what the Bible actually says and discussing how faithful believers ought to respond and speak the truth in love.

Two identical sessions will be offered each week starting Monday, November 6th: Mondays at noon (note the change, not Fridays) and Thursdays at 6pm. You are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. Monday participants, feel free to bring your lunch. Thursday nights will include a light supper. Contact vicar@mountolivechurch.org if you have any questions!

On Earth As In Heaven: Thursday-Friday Bible Study (Zoom, too!)

The Bible study "On Earth As In Heaven," a deep look at the reign of God as Jesus proclaimed, concludes this Thursday and Friday.

Thursday night is from 6:00 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m., and will include our usual light supper when we begin. For Friday, which meets from 12:00 noon to about 1:30 p.m., feel free to bring your lunch along. All are welcome to this study opportunity!

[Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting for either the Thursday or Friday sessions.

Early Music Minnesota: Ensemble in Residence at Mount Olive

Early Music Minnesota, (formerly The "Baroque Room") will offer a Harpsichord recital by Jeffrey Grossman **this Saturday, October 28, also at 3:00 pm.**

All of their concerts will take place at Mount Olive. We are invited to attend these concerts free of charge! Just mention that you are from the Mount Olive community at ticketing, and you will be admitted.

For more information, visit www.earlymusicmn.org

Art Display at East Lake Library

Local artist and Mount Olive member, Faye Buffington Howell, currently has an art exhibit on display at the Hennepin County East Lake Library (2727 E. Lake Street). These works, in acrylic and oil, were described by one Mount Olive member who recently viewed the exhibit as "vibrant and spiritual."

The exhibit will be at the Library into December. Stop by and view her work!

Upcoming Adult Forums

October 22 and 29: The Rev. Dr. William Russell will present a 2-part series on the historical and theological impact of The Smalcald Articles. The Smalcald Articles or Schmalkald Articles, are a summary of Lutheran doctrine, written by Martin Luther in 1537 for a meeting of the Schmalkaldic League in preparation for an intended ecumenical Council of the Church. Dr. Russell has focused his study on the importance of this document in the formation of Lutheran theology.

Afghanistan Needs Our Help

Following the initial strong earthquake in western Afghanistan in October 7, an additional 6.3 earthquake struck the same region on Sunday. Many thousands of people were killed in the first quake, and the region has had numerous quakes in the last two weeks.

Your Global Ministry Committee has researched how to help people in this Taliban controlled country. Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) is the only NGO allowed to operate, and they have a hospital in Herat, the hardest hit area. The Committee is sending funds to Doctors Without Borders and encourages you to do the same. If you wish to donate through Mount Olive, please make sure that the donation is clearly marked for Afghanistan Earthquake. If you wish to donate directly [here is the link to use](#).

Certified!

Congratulations to the following people who have completed certification in Red Cross Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid and Safety: Brad Nelson, Melissa Stone, Robin Rayfield, Jerry Duncan, and Eric Zander. Thanks to the Mount Olive Foundation for funding this training.

Names of the Departed Saints Invited

As a part of our All Saints liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 5, worshippers are invited to submit the names of loved ones close to them who have died in the past year, since last All Saints Sunday, who weren't members of Mount Olive. (Members of the parish who have died are always named.)

For those who attend worship in the coming weeks, a book is located at the entrance to the nave where you can write these names. You may also contact the church office with the names. These other names submitted will be included in the prayers of intercession.

Please keep this to just those who have died this past year, so we can have a more manageable list.

October Neighborhood Ministry Partner of the Month:

Central Lutheran Restoration Center

Central Lutheran Restoration center is an integral part of the ministry at our sister congregation. The Restoration Center provides a welcoming place for people experiencing homelessness and economic insecurity. Those who come to the Restoration Center find a place of hospitality and welcome where they can find emergency rental assistance, employment services, clothing, meals, free-use computers, and basic health care services.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month though a yearly contribution from our budget, but on top of that, we encourage any member who wishes to contribute 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.

For more information about the Central Lutheran Restoration Center, please visit their website at <https://www.centralmpls.org/community/restorationcenter>

The National Lutheran Choir Begins a New Season

Join the NLC for the inaugural season with new artistic director, Jennaya Robison! The season will begin with All Saints concerts on Nov. 3 and Nov. 5, where we will commemorate those who have passed as well as celebrate the new life of those who have been born.

All Saints: New Life

November 3, 2023 - 7:30 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (St. Paul, MN)

November 5, 2023 - 4:00 pm at Normandale Lutheran Church (Edina, MN)

Coming Events

Octoberfest! This Sunday, October 29, after Congregation Meeting

Come to the semi-annual meeting and stay for Octoberfest! Call the office to sign up to provide food and/or help with set up or clean up, or use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3tz7h6yj>.

Family Movie Event: Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge

Enjoy some popcorn and watch "Book of Life." This is a film appropriate for kids aged 6-12, rated PG. The movie is free of charge, but a freewill donation will be received to cover the cost of the license.

Minneapolis Institute of Arts Tour! Sunday, November 12, 2:30 p.m.

Join Bill Wilson, friend of Mount Olive and MIA docent, for a tour of MIA's collection that highlights those works in which the artist has used space to cause us to look in awe and wonder. The tour is free, but a donation to MIA is encouraged. Limited to 20 people. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/3edphyrk>, or call the church office.

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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