



First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024 + 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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. Please ask an usher if you need assistance!

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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. **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: First Sunday in Lent, year B

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey towards baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. Today, Peter connects the way God saved Noah’s family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but joins us to the Church, the Body of Christ, and the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world, as Jesus learns through the trials of his post-baptism temptations.

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February 18, 2024 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

The assembly gathers in silent preparation.

The Entrance Liturgy

AT THE PROCESSION

(stand at the sound of the bell)

The Great Litany

HYMN 238

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. Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8-17

(seated)

Response: ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-10

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 4 and 10.

Music by David Cherwien



Your paths O LORD, are steadfast love and faithful-ness.

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



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(8:00) Sung by all: "Glory and praise..."

(10:45) *Sung by the choir*

Choir: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

(standing)
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HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

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

Angels in the Wilderness

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thy Holy Wings"

Stanza 1 – Treble voices; All at "Oh, be my strength..."

Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at "Oh, close thy wings..."

Stanza 3 – All

(standing)
HYMN 613

SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION

As our Lenten journey calls us back to our baptismal waters for nourishment and cleansing, we examine our lives, confess our sins and turn to the Triune God for grace, mercy, and life.

All may kneel for a time of self-examination and prayer following the invitation.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, O God.**

P Merciful and most high God, . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P The holy and Triune God, . . . fullness of life in Christ.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(remain 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)

(10:45) "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. Alice Parker

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☩ Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore . . . at the end of all things.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . by the love of Christ.

☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P All-Gracious One, . . . are yours, 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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“As Your Spirit in the Desert”

HYMN 923

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

HYMN 624

Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

The Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood may be sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.

- ☐ We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that they may also share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
- ☑ **We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

BLESSING

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

“Ein feste Burg”

Michael Praetorius

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Paul Odlaug,
in memory of his mother, Dorothy Odlaug.*

Adult Forum: 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge

“White and Delightful: Christian Missionaries and Cultural Chaos in Dakotah Indigenous Communities, 1833-1863,” part 1 of a 2-part series.

This series will provide an overview of the ways in which Christian missionaries likely hastened the cultural destruction of Dakotah peoples in Minnesota and contributed to the tragic U.S. Dakota War of 1862. Discussion of how Mount Olive members might respond to the call for justice for our Indigenous neighbors will be part of the presentation.

Next Sunday's Forum

“White and Delightful: Christian Missionaries and Cultural Chaos in Dakotah Indigenous Communities, 1833-1863,” part 2 of a 2-part series.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Lora Dundek
Communion Ministers	Al Bipes, Bob Lee, Rob Ruff, Walt & Judy Hinck
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / David Molvik
(10:45) Choirs	Cantorei; Mount Olive Children's Choirs; Mari Espeland and Rebekah Schulz, directors

	8:00	10:45
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Tom Olson	Bob Wick, Nicholas Johnson
Lectors	Jan Harbaugh	David Bryce
Ushers	Michael Lansing, Lisa Nordeen	Sue Browender, Greg Murphy, Mike Knudson
Altar Guild	TBD Jan Harbaugh	Mary Crippen

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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Eucharistic Minister	Wes Huisinga
Communion Ministers	Brad & Linda Holt
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Lectors	John Gidmark	Amy Thompson
Ushers	Harrison & Rebekah Wold Defries	Carol Austermann, Irene Campbell, Allen Heggen
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Jan Harbaugh	TBD

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Elizabeth Beissel; Irene Campbell; family of Joel Crandall & Angel Scott; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Kathy Kruger; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Renee Ollikain; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Shalom Kropfl, friend of Mary Dodgson; Marilyn Volker, sister of Allen Dundek; Francis Wergen, known to David Engen; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Susan Varpness, mother of former vicar Mollie Hamre; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Cavin Horton, friend of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Gordon Norheim, brother of JoAnn Norheim; Tim Gaudineer, brother-in-law of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jennie Kobylinski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, infant great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jolie Melana Meshbesher, friend of Robin Rayfield; John Seboldt, brother of Gayle Schulz; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Elaine Thurston, mother of Kathy Thurston; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee Molbert; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss, mother-in-law of John Wall; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Conrad Kunz and Richard Sutherlund, friend and cousin of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** as she takes a leave of absence, and for Bishop Michael Burk, serving as interim presiding bishop.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Walter Hinck, Cynthia Prosek, Robert Moen, Charles Thompson, and Warren Peterson.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee; Anne Bartz.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, February 18 – *First Sunday in Lent, year B; Martin Luther, renewer of the church*

8:00 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Adult Forum and Godly Play

10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

12:30 pm YI Confirmation

4:00 pm ***Music & Fine Arts Lent Procession***

Monday, February 19

No Family Music Time this week

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE [N.A. meeting]

Tuesday, February 20

Noon Bible Study

6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministries Committee meeting

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 am Staff meeting

Noon ***Midweek Lenten Eucharist***, followed by soup & bread luncheon

5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

6:00 pm Soup & bread supper

7:00 pm ***Midweek Lenten Vespers***

7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, February 23 – *St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr*

7:00 pm Movie Night

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, February 25

9:00 am Foundation Board meeting

3:00 pm Early Music Minnesota Chamber Ensemble concert

Sunday, February 25 – *Second Sunday in Lent, year B*

8:00 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Adult Forum and Godly Play

10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

The Commemorations

February 18: *Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546* - Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

February 23: *St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156* - Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Midweek Lenten Worship
Wednesdays in Lent, starting February 21

12:00 Noon

Holy Eucharist, followed by Soup Luncheon

7:00 pm

Vespers, preceded by Soup Supper at 6:00 pm

All are welcome.



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