



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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: Fourth Sunday in Lent, year B

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus compares himself to the serpent Moses lifted up in the wilderness, so the people of Israel could be healed. The Son came not to judge but to save, to heal the cosmos, John 3 says. Jesus is lifted up on the cross so that all things, the whole creation, will be healed. (He’ll say that in John 12.)

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The assembly gathers in silent preparation.

The Entrance Liturgy

AT THE PROCESSION

(stand at the sound of the bell)

Kyrie

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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. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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 21:4-9

(seated)

Response: ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 3 and 22.



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



SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

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

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(10:45) *Sung by the choir*

Choir: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

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

Look – and Live

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

"Christ Is the Life"

ACS HYMN 927

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 4 – All

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) "What Wondrous Love

arr. Matthew Culloton

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,

while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

And through eternity I'll sing on.

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

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 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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“Lift High the Cross”

HYMN 660

Refrain – All

Stanza 1 – All, in harmony

Stanza 3 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 4 – All

“God Loved the World”

HYMN 323

Stanzas 2 and 4 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:

“Preludio La Minore”

Antonín Dvořák

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Jan Harbaugh, in memory of Jim Harbaugh.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
* Organist	Robert Farlee
Sacristan	Brad Nelson
Assisting Minister	Paul Odlaug
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Communion Ministers	Larry Duncan, Allen Dundek, Rob Ruff
Livestream / Audio Mix	Jan Harbaugh / David Molvik
(10:45) Choirs	Cantorei; Andrew Stoebig, director * Mount Olive Children's Choirs; Mari Espeland and Rebekah Schulz, directors

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Tim Sneer, Robin Rayfield	Tim Pipkorn, David Bryce
Lectors	Cynthia Prosek	Sue Browender
Ushers	Dale Kruse, Michael Lansing	Mike Knudson, C. Martinson, G. Murphy
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Jan Harbaugh	Candy Husemoller
Coffee Hosts	Jan Harbaugh	Peggy Hoeft

** Cantor Cherwien is leading a hymn festival at St. Luke's UMC in Houston, Texas, and then will be on vacation, returning on March 17.*

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Beth Gaede
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Communion Ministers	Al Bipes, Judy & Walt Hinck, Don Luther
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / Ken Schulz
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Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Jan Harbaugh	Consuelo Crosby, John Meyer
Lectors	John Gidmark	George Heider
Ushers	John Bjork, Stephanie Obadiaru	Carol Austermann, Irene Campbell, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff	TBD
Coffee Hosts	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Bonnie & Donn McLellan

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; Carla Manuel; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Renee Ollikain; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Naomi Peterson; 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; 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; 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 Meshbeshier, 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:** Thomas Graves, Anders Amala, Brian Burmeister, Martha Hamlin, Isaiah Crandall, Swen Crandall, Orrin Tietz, Merrilee Fryer, and Marilyn Gebauer.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee; Anne Bartz.
- **At the death of:** Larry Crosby.
- **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, March 10 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent, year B; Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society*

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

Monday, March 11

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

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

Tuesday, March 12 – *St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome*

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13

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, March 14

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 15

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, March 16

10:00 am Book Discussion group

Sunday, March 17 – *Fifth 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

12:30 pm YI Confirmation

The Commemorations

March 10: *Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society* - Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

March 12: *St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604* - Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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

“*Corpse Care: Ethics for Tending the Dead*,” a book discussion with Cody J. Sanders Cody Sanders (Luther Seminary) and Mikeal Parsons (Baylor University) co-authored this book to help Christian communities re-engage in the important work of caring for our dead.

Next Sunday’s Forum

“Life, Legacy, Love, Death”

Culminating our series on death and dying, this forum will be an opportunity to enter into dialogue on matters of theological and spiritual significance related to death -- our own and those we love.

Midweek Lenten Worship *Wednesdays in Lent*

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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