

Mount Olive Choir School

The Mount Olive Choir School celebrates the joy of music and singing together and helps children fully participate in the Christian assembly.

Choir school participants learn fun-to-sing music, psalm settings and antiphons, small liturgical leadership roles, hymns, and even full anthems.



Mount Olive Family Music

- For families with children ages 0 through kindergarten
- Mondays, 5:30–6:00 p.m., online (Zoom)
- Leader: Mari Espeland

Join in “Friends in God’s World” from Musikgarten. Each household is given a packet of hand instruments, a CD, and other visual materials used in sessions.

Choir School Dinner

- For children in Lower and Upper Elementary Choirs and their families
- Wednesdays, 5:30–6:00 p.m., at Mount Olive.

Enjoy supper with other young singers before choir rehearsal. Meals are prepared in one of three ways:

- Families sign up to bring and prepare everything for a meal.
- Families sign up to have food brought to Mount Olive.
- Chef Cantor Cherwien prepares, or the church provides, everything.

Menus have included child-friendly delights such as frozen pizza, chicken nuggets and TATER TOTS, wienie wraps, and mac and cheese with kielbasa—capped off after rehearsal with our famous Mount Olive Oreo Cookies.

Lower Elementary Choir

- For children in grades 1–3
- Wednesdays, 6:00–6:45 p.m.
- Leader: Mari Espeland

Sing, say, dance, and play as beloved children of God. Children learn how to be worship participants and leaders. They also develop musical skills by experiencing music and then gradually learning to read it.

This choir sings in the 10:45 a.m. liturgy approximately every six weeks. It combines with the Upper Elementary Choir on Christmas Eve for the 4:00 p.m. service.

Upper Elementary Choir

- For children in grades 4 and up
- Wednesdays, 6:00–6:45 p.m.
- Leader: Rebekah Schulz

Join in singing, rhythm practice, story time, and learning to read music from a score. Interested older children might serve in helper/leadership roles.

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Meet the Staff



Mari Espeland

I love children and music. I am happiest when I can help children love music, especially on our faith journey! I have taught singing to children in churches, schools, and community choirs for 36 years.



Rebekah Schulz

I am Bekah, and I am so excited to make music with your children at Mount Olive! There is no more beautiful sound than young people singing together. I have been making music with children (and Mari and Cantor Cherwien!) for a long time, and it is my favorite thing. Together, we will create a beautiful, safe community.



David Cherwien

Loves music, children, and cars. He has been a church musician for a long time and really enjoys getting to know you! His favorite choir dinner is wienie wrap.

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For more information or to sign up for Mount Olive Choir School, please send an email to David Cherwien (cantor@mountolivechurch.org).

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