



The Olive Branch

March 27, 2024

Accent on Worship

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Do this to remember

What we cannot remember no longer moves us and shapes us. When Jesus gave the Holy Supper, he said “do this in remembrance of me.” Holy Week is our most intense obedience to that command. We walk the steps of this week with Christ to deepen our memories of these events, to inscribe them in our hearts and minds and souls as if we ourselves walked these steps long ago.

We don't leave Good Friday liturgy confused as to the outcome. We know Christ is risen, that we will joyfully announce it to each other and to the world this Saturday night. But we attend to these days, walk through them in real time, so these memories become so deeply rooted in us they make us different people.

“In remembrance of me” is Jesus' command that we take this story of God's love for us into our hearts as our own, ponder it, dwell on it, as if we were there, so that we are changed. When we go to the Upper Room, stand in confusion outside the city near the hill of the Skull, wonder at the women's Sunday witness, we are taught by the Spirit what this means for our lives and for the world. When we do it every year, so this journey with Christ is in our bones and flesh, we open ourselves to real remembrance of God's astonishing grace and love for us and the world. And we are changed.

Let us now walk with Jesus, and remember.

In Jesus' name,

Sunday Readings

March 31, 2024

***Resurrection of Our Lord,
year B***

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-8

April 7, 2024

***Second Sunday of Easter,
year B***

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1 – 2:2

John 20:19-31

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

Six-Week Bible Study on the Book of Amos

"The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?"

In April and May, Vicar Mildahl is leading a six-session Bible Study exploring the poetic and prophetic Book of Amos. Two identical sessions are offered each week: **Mondays at noon** and **Tuesdays at 6pm**. You are welcome to join either session in person or via Zoom. Tuesday nights will include a light supper (feel free to bring your own lunch on Mondays).

Contact vicar@mountolivechurch.org if you have any questions!

Schedule:

April 8/9 - Amos and the Bible

April 15/16 - Chapters 1-3

(Skip April 22/23)

April 29/30 - Chapters 4-6

May 6/7 - Chapters 7-9

May 13/14 - Amos and Sundays

May 20/21 - Amos in the World

[Click here](#) to join any session via Zoom.

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at Mount Olive

Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27: Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week
+ Daily Prayer at Noon, in the side chapel of the nave, near the columbarium

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday
+ Holy Eucharist, Noon
+ Holy Eucharist, with Washing of Feet, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29: Good Friday
+ Stations of the Cross, Noon
+ Adoration of the Cross, 7 pm

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday
+ The Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, followed by a festive reception

Sunday, March 31: The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day
+ ONE Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 am (note schedule!)
Carry-in Brunch before the liturgy at 9:00 am (bring a dish to share!)

Easter Carry-in Brunch

There will be a Carry-in Brunch on Easter morning before the 10 a.m. liturgy. Bring a brunch-type dish to share by about 9 a.m. Beverages will be provided. If you're available to help set-up at 8:30 or clean-up about 9:40, please call the church office, or let Lora know at

conglife@mountolivechurch.org .

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Calendar

Wednesday, March 27 - Wednesday in Holy Week

9:00 am Staff meeting

Noon Daily Prayer

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Noon Maundy Thursday Eucharist

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

9:00 am Trumpet/Organ rehearsal

Noon Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Adoration of the Cross

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, March 30

10:00 am Easter Vigil rehearsal

8:15 pm Easter Vigil, followed by a festive reception

Sunday, March 31 - The Resurrection of Our Lord

9:00 am Easter Carry-in Brunch

10:00 am Easter Festival Eucharist

Monday, April 1

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

7:00 pm Global Ministry Committee meeting

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A.)

Tuesday, April 2

Noon Bible Study

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who helped celebrate Larry's life with us; those who helped set up, prepare, and serve the delicious meal, those who brought desserts, the clean-up crew and those who made live-streaming possible (viewed across the country, Mexico and Nigeria!) and anyone else who helped us along every step of this unexpected journey. Thank you to Pastor Crippen for God's Word and promises and to David Cherwien for his glorious music!

We are so blessed to be surrounded with such love! God bless you!

*With deep gratitude and love,
- The Crosby family*

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

For their April 13 meeting, the Book Discussion group will read *Mr. Ives' Christmas*, by Oscar Hijuelos, and for May 11 they will read *Everything Sad is Untrue*, by Daniel Nayeri.

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](#).

Congregational Life Trip to Hocokata Ti

Visit Hocokata Ti, the Dakotah history museum near Shakopee. Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m.-approximately 1 p.m. This is a new museum which uses Dakotah voices to tell the story of Dakotah people. It is an excellent way to gain more understanding of our neighbors and those whose traditional homeland we occupy.

We will start with coffee/tea and muffins at Mount Olive to give a brief introduction, then carpool to the museum. This event requires a sign-up, with a deadline of April 13! Use the following link to sign up, or call the church office. There is a limit of 30 participants. The cost of admission is listed below. If cost is a barrier for you, please speak with Pr. Crippen or Vicar Mildahl, who can offer confidential assistance.

Museum admission:

General: \$8.00

Senior and K-12 Students: \$5.00

Children under 5: Free

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/hocokatati>

Children's Choirs Lent/Easter Art Display

Dear Mount Olive Community,

You are invited to stop by the West Assembly gathering area on Palm Sunday(this week!) to view the first phase of the Choristers's Lenten/ Easter art project. The Choristers have been working hard each Wednesday evening.

It is important to view the art both during HOLY WEEK and then again on EASTER. Each chorister has created a portion of the whole that is unique to their voice and personality.

Our working title for our project is: "The Journey of LU." Remember, ****LU**, the banner, was hidden in the dark geothermal center weeks ago! Come and see what the choristers have created to express the Lenten journey and the new life of Easter. The art will be up through Sunday, April 21.

Reminders

Please do not leave your car parked in the handicapped drop-off area in front of the Parish House! Use this space only for dropping off and picking people up, and then promptly move your car, as others have to use that space as well. Parking is also available on weekends behind the Career Force Center at the corner of Lake St. & Chicago Avenue.

Please do not leave valuables in your coat pockets while you are at church, especially if you hang your coat in the coat room.

Adult Forums

There will be no Adult Forums on March 24 and 31.

April 7: “The Wisdom of Awe,” presented by David Engen. The University of California - Berkeley has embarked on the study of awe as a critically important experience for humanity. We need experiences which take us out of ourselves and place us at the center of mystery. They go so far as to say the survival of the species depends on the experience of awe. Religion sometimes can focus only on the rational part of human thinking. But what about the aspects of wonder, mystery, and unexplainable? Have we become so rigid in our thinking we refuse to recognize there are some things beyond our comprehension? Is there a way for us to recapture the childlike wonder we once held? How does being open to awe transform our vision, our lives, and strengthens our relationship with God?

April 14: “Demystifying the Work of People of Faith in the Political Process”

Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry Jim Bargmann will lead us through a conversation about how we as people of faith can engage in the political process from grass-roots community organizing through the actual passage of a bill in the Legislature. The conversation will include thoughts about the actual process itself, along with an examination of the ethical and legal issues around communities of faith engaging in politics at all.

Note: This forum will be intentionally paired with an exciting “Part 2.” For those interested in further dialog and training around community organizing and advocacy work, please plan to stay after the 10:45 am liturgy that day when Katie Dillon, Executive Director for Align Minneapolis will teach us more about what it means to work for societal change through the political process. Lunch will be provided.

Please note that either of these events will be appropriate for anyone over the age of 12. Young people, even before they reach voting age, can engage in this work in a powerful way and would be welcome and encouraged to attend.

April 21: “Passions and Projects,” presented by Cynthia Prosek. More information forthcoming.

April 28: “Wind and Fire: Understanding the Day of Pentecost.” More information forthcoming

Thanks to the cleaning crew!

Many thanks to Margaret and Al Bostelmann, Beth Gaede, Jan Harbaugh, Bonnie and Donn McLellan, Joy Obadiaru, Cynthia Prosek, and Evan and Isaac, who cleaned our chancel, transepts, and narthex, and polished the brass candelabra and fittings in preparation for our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. With such a big crew, we were able complete all our tasks!

March Neighborhood Ministries Partner of the Month: *Sabathani Community Center and Community Emergency Services*

In March, we highlight two of our partners that work on issues of food insecurity in our south Minneapolis community as a part of the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, a state-wide initiative intended to bring together “organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals” to raise awareness about the issue of food insecurity and support for local food programs.

“Sabathani Community Center is one of Minnesota’s oldest African American-founded nonprofits... [and] helps equip approximately 32,000 South Minneapolis residents annually” through their food shelf, clothes closet, senior’s programs, workforce initiatives, support for school- age children, and more.



Community Emergency Service or CES, works to alleviate hunger and food insecurity through an on-site food shelf, food delivery programs, a partnership with Meals on Wheels, and its unique Ani-Meals program, providing food for pets and service animals.

Mount Olive has chosen to support each of our Partners of the Month through a yearly contribution from our budget. On top of those financial contributions, we encourage any member who wishes to donate 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.

In addition, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food items in the cart located in the West Assembly to be divided between our two food shelf partners. However, for those who are able, we strongly encourage monetary donations. Because our food shelf partners have access discounts and bulk purchase opportunities not available to regular consumers, monetary donations allow our partners to purchase much more food than if we were to purchase the same food through a retail store.

For more information about the work of the Sabathani Community Center, please visit their website at sabathani.org. For more information about CES, please visit cesmn.org.

In Our Prayers

Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Julia Adams; Elizabeth Beissel; Irene Campbell; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Kathy Kruger; Carla Manuel; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Renee Ollikain; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Naomi Peterson; Liz Regan; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; 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; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Gordon Norheim, brother of JoAnn Norheim; Tim Gaudineer, relative of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jennie Kobylinski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, infant great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke; Carl, fiancée of Renee Ollikain; Jolie Melana Meshbesh and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; John Seboldt, brother of Gayle & Ken Schulz; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Joanne Wishnew and Linda Jones, aunt and great-aunt of Andrew Stoebig; 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, friend 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.

In hospice care: Mary Lee; Anne Bartz.

At the death of: Jeff Royce, son-in-law of Julia Adams.

About our prayer list ...

If you have submitted a name or names to be published on our prayer list, please review the list regularly, to make sure those for whom we are praying are still in need of our prayers. Contact the church office with any updates.

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8:00 & 10:45 am

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*Mount Olive is a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.*

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