



First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 + 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 (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ congregation. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that the liturgy 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.

Following the Liturgy

- *Page*: Numbers marked “page ...” are in the front of the cranberry red hymnal in the lower outside corners of the pages.
- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the cranberry red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- *Psalms* are numbered as hymns 1–150.
- *Hymns numbered 901–1100*, marked “ACS HYMN ...,” are in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

Accessibility

- An *elevator* is located at the north entry. Turn right as you exit the nave.
- A large *unisex restroom* is located on the lower level (across the hall from the elevator).
- *Primary restrooms* are located on the main floor near the elevator.
- *Additional parking* is available on Sunday mornings behind the Career Force center at the corner of Chicago Ave. and Lake St.
- *Hearing Assistance*
 - *T-coil* is provided in our nave and other large gathering areas.
 - *Small headsets* are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Focus on the Season: First Sunday in Lent, year C

These forty days called Lent are our yearly return to the wilderness that we might re-focus, like Jesus. That we might re-center ourselves on the God who rescues, receive the gifts of God’s grace, believe once again with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and face testing at every turn. This is a life-long pilgrimage on which we embarked in baptism. Christ, our pilgrim guide, comes near in bread and wine, water and word, to uphold and sustain us.

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE “Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ” (BWV 639) Johann Sebastian Bach

AT THE PROCESSION *(Standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*
The Great Litany HYMN 238

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(standing)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word


FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(seated)

Response: **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 2, 12, and 16.



God will give the an - gels charge o - ver
you, to guard you in all your ways.

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



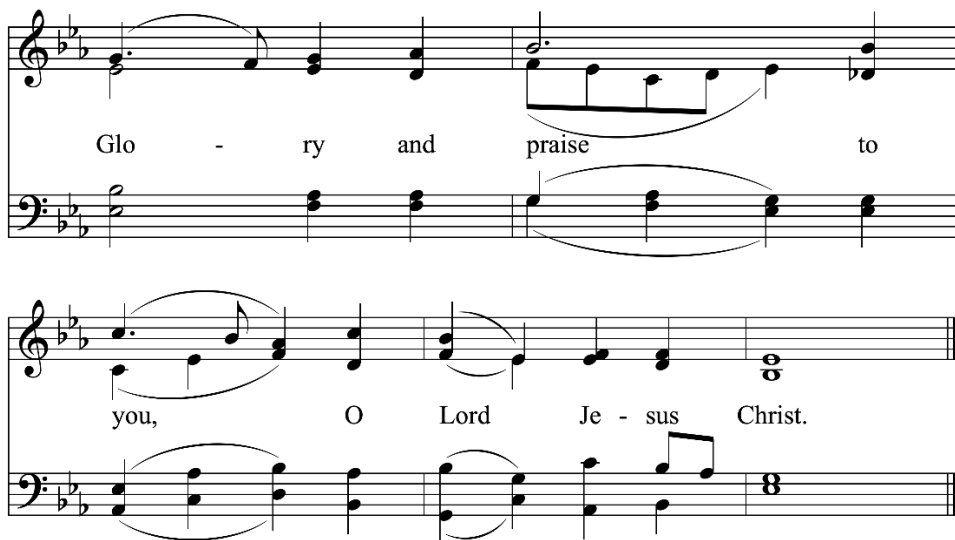
SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Response: **☒ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

“Glory and praise...”



Glo - ry and praise to
you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

*Verse: One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. – Matthew 4:4*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Response after the announcement: ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Gospel acclamation is sung again.

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

Test Preparation

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“When We Are Tested”

ACS HYMN 922

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.

☩ Compassionate God,

☩ **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

Forgive us, transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

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

☩ **Amen.**

☩ God, who is rich in mercy, . . . live in your hearts through faith.

☩ **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(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) *Who Shall Separate Us*, SWV 330

Heinrich Schütz; ed. Larry L. Fleming

Who shall separate us from the love of God then?

Anguish, or distress, or they who harm us?

Or shall hunger, or exposure,

shall danger cause me fear, or the sword?

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

neither angels, nor princely powers, nor kingdoms,

nothing that is present now, nor is yet to come,

neither highness, nor deepness,

neither any other creature may part us

from the love of God then,

which is ours in Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.

Amen

— Romans 8:35, 38-39, trans. John W. Rilling

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **C** Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give _____ thanks to _____ the Lord our _____ God.

It is right _____ to give God thanks and praise. _____

Sanctus

“Holy, holy, Holy”

HYMN 190

Eucharistic Prayer

- Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim Christ’s death until he comes.
- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Remembering, therefore . . . saving water, food, and life.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . by the love of Christ.
- Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- All-Gracious One . . . now and forever.
- Amen**

Lord’s Prayer

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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.

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

HYMN 199

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

HYMN 326

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

HYMN 768

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

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 our sisters and brothers 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.**

No postludes will be played during the solemn season of Lent.

Today's Adult Forum - 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge

“Care in Community in an Era of Cruelty” part 2 of a 2-part series,
presented by Rev. Cody Sanders

Next Week's Forum

Vestry proposal for restructuring, presented by Pastor Crippen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Al Bipes
Assisting Minister	Paul Odlaug
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Communion Minister	Larry Duncan
Soloist	Cynthia Prosek
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Jan Harbaugh, Tim Sneer	Consuelo Crosby, Nicholas Johnson
Lectors	Rob Ruff	James E. Berka
Ushers	Dale Kruse, Michael Lansing	Irene Campbell, Jerry Duncan, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff Joy Obadiaru	Mary Crippen

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16

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Livestream / Audio Mix	Donn McLellan / David Molvik
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Ushers	Alan & Kathy Wicks	Andrew Andersen, Allen Heggen, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff	Candy Husemoller
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!	Hosts Needed!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Elizabeth Beissel; Dixie Berg; Harry Eklund; Darrell Golnitz; Gene Janssen; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Paul Nixdorf; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Judy Stratton; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Charlotte Erasmus, friend of Nancy Anderson; Kay Austermann, sister-in-law of Carol Austermann; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Nicky Iacono, friend of Martin Connell & Greg Terhaar; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Berndt Gustafson, father of Bjorn Gustafson; Susan Varpness, mother of former vicar Mollie Hamre; Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Barb Heintz, mother of Andy Heintz; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Roger Bradford and Bonnie Beissel, friends of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Martin E. and Harriet Marty, parents of John Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Daniel Nelson and Martha Johnson, son and sister of Rhoda Nelson and brother and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Chris McCune-Zierath, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Nancy Pranke, and Linda Penas, sister-in-law and sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Herb Olson, brother of Rod Olson; Jolie Melana Meshbesh and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Beverly Belua, sister of Rodney Schrank; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss, mother-in-law of John Wall; Lynda, Conrad Kunz, and Richard Sutherlund, friends and cousin of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Mark Ruff, Thomas Graves, Anders Amala, Brian Burmeister, Martha Hamlin, Isaiah Crandall, Swen Crandall, and Orrin Tietz.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee, Martha Boomgarten, sister of Jack Kruger.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 12 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, March 9 – First Sunday in Lent; Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth,

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

9:30 am Adult Forum/Youth Conversation/Godly Play

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

4:00 pm **Lent Procession**

Monday, March 10

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

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

Tuesday, March 11

Noon Bible Study

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

9:00 am Staff meeting

Noon **Midweek Lenten Eucharist**, followed by Soup Lunch

5:30 pm Children's Choir supper

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm **Midweek Lenten Vespers**

Thursday, March 13

9:30 am **Morning Prayer**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 14

Noon Video presentation: "What Do I Do with my Anger?"

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, March 15

9:30 am Sacristans gathering and meeting

Sunday, March 16 – Second Sunday in Lent

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

9:30 am Adult Forum/Youth Conversation/Godly Play

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members**, followed by
coffee and conversation

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.

Become a Member

Whether you worship in person or from afar, we invite you to join us as members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Please contact welcome@mountolivechurch.org or evangelism@mountolivechurch.org for additional details.



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