



Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 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: Second Sunday in Lent, year C

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s desire to protect and save us, the Triune God persists. God our Mother wraps divine wings around us, gathering us into God’s loving embrace, that we might live faithfully as God’s children. Lent provides the Church with a time to seek the face of the God of our salvation that we might find the abundant life for us and the whole creation that God so deeply wants to give.

PSALMODY: Psalm 27

A brief silence follows the psalm.

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 4, 8, and 14.

In the day of trou-ble, God will give me shel - ter.

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

“Glory and praise...”

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

*Verse: The Son of Man must be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. – John 3:14-15*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

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

When it's all too much

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“O Christ, the Daystar, Risen Sun”

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All



1 O Christ the Day - star, ris - en Sun, the light no
2 Though dark - ness looms and shad - ows wake, though un - seen
3 Out from the night of fear and care your shin - ing
4 Oh, may your light set hearts on fire to burn with
5 O Christ the Day - star, ris - en Sun, the light no



dark can o - ver - come: from morn - ing prayer to e - ven -
foes be - set and plague, O Christ, our Light, whom shall we
face dis - pels de - spair; you stand at day - break's gold - en
love and pure de - sire; that we as ris - en peo - ple
dark can o - ver - come: from morn - ing prayer to e - ven -



song, our in - most thoughts to you be - long.
fear, when you, the Dawn from high, ap - pear?
skies and reach your hand to bid us rise.
shine, filled with your light and hope di - vine.
song, our ut - most hymns to you be - long.

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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** Compassionate God,
C **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.

- P** Merciful and most high God, . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**
P God, who is rich in mercy, . . . live in your hearts through faith.
C **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) "Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit," from *Ein deutsches Requiem*, op. 45

Sung in German

Johannes Brahms

*[Jesus says.] Now you have sadness, but I will see you again,
and your hearts shall rejoice, and no one shall take your joy from you. — John 16:22*

*Look at me: I have had toil and labor for a little while,
and have found great comfort. — Sirach 51:27*

I will comfort you as a mother comforts her child. — Isaiah 66:13

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

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.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

“Holy, holy, Holy”

HYMN 190

Eucharistic Prayer

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

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore . . . saving water, food, and life.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All-Gracious One . . . now and forever.

C **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

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

HYMN 724

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

“As a Mother Comforts Her Child” *sung several times*

ACS HYMN 1015

COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: **☞ Amen.**

(standing)

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.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Rod & Naomi Peterson, by their children Ross, Carol, Mona, and Steve.

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

Vestry proposal for restructuring, presented by Pastor Crippen.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Jan Harbaugh
Communion Ministers	Allen Dundek, Don Luther
Livestream / Audio Mix	Donn McLellan / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei
Soloists	Cynthia Prosek (both), Tricia Van Ee (10:45)

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Al Bipes, Larry Duncan	Eric Manuel, Steve Manuel
Lectors	Cynthia Prosek	John Crippen
Ushers	Alan & Kathy Wicks	Andrew Andersen, Allen Heggen, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff	Mary Crippen Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen	
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Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig	
Sacristan	Lora Dundek	
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Ushers	George Ferguson, Stephanie Obadiaru	David Anderson, Carol Martinson, Brad Nelson
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	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; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Sandy Bryant, Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, daughter, son, and sister of Rhoda Nelson and sister, 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 Meshbeshier 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:** Merrilee Fryer, Marilyn Gebauer, Steven Manuel, Janet Gallagher, and Kandi Jo Nelson.
- **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 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**, followed by coffee and conversation

Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

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

Tuesday, March 18

Noon Bible Study

6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministry Committee meeting

6:00 pm Feminine Divine Study group

Wednesday, March 19 – St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

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**

7:35 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, March 20

9:30 am **Morning Prayer**

7:00 pm MIRAC meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 21 – Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr

10:00 am Cantor Call Committee meeting

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, March 22 – Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians

Sunday, March 23 – Third 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**, followed by coffee and conversation

The Commemorations

March 17: *St. Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461* - A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

March 19: *St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus* - Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

March 21: *Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556* - Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

March 22: *Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758* - A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

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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