



## *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 25, 2026 ✝ 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: Third Sunday after Epiphany, year A

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Today’s gospel reading narrates a strange fishing expedition. Jesus utters simple words that change human lives: “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” No glitz, no slick marketing, no extravagant claim; only these words: “Follow me.” This is the mission that flows from the watery pool of our baptism into Christ. The Christian community goes forth and invites others to see what good things God offers in the waters of rebirth, in the Scriptures, in the Holy Supper, in the community of faith.

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## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Dieterich Buxtehude

ENTRANCE HYMN *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” HYMN 308

*Stanzas 1, 2 – All*

*Stanza 3 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 4 – Low voices*

*Stanzas 5, 6 – All*

### 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.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE page 195  
“Glory to God”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

*A brief silence follows the psalm.*

(10:45) *The choir sings an antiphon at the beginning and after verses 6 and 10:*

The LORD is my light and my salvation. (Psalm 27:1)

*The verses are sung responsively between soloist/choir and congregation.*



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)

*The alleluia is sung twice.*



Verse: Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. – Matthew 4:23

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

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

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

*Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.*

SERMON

**It's a *Calling***

*Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

(standing)  
HYMN 798

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

(8:00) *Stanza 3 – All*

(10:45) *Stanza 3 – Choir*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response:  **hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

(standing)

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

# *The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal*

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## AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online using the QR code on the back of this worship folder.*

(10:45) “Arise, Shine”

Kenneth Jennings

Arise, shine; for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee,  
and God's glory shall be seen upon thee.  
And the nations shall come to thy light,  
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.     *- Isaiah 60:1-3 (KJV, alt.)*

## OFFERTORY

“Now the Silence”

HYMN 460

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response:  **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

**P** Blessed are you . . . the Lord's death until he comes.

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

**P** Remembering, therefore . . . your holy and life-giving light.

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

**P** Send now, we pray . . . the brilliance of Christ.

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

**P** To you, O God, . . . now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

Lord's Prayer *spoken by all*

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"Our Father in heaven..."

## 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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"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HYMN 815

(10:45) "God is My Light"

Michael Bedford

God is my light and my salvation,  
whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?  
For in times of trouble, you hide me in your dwelling;  
you shelter me and comfort me and set me high on a rock.  
Hear, O God, when I cry to you, give ear to me and answer;  
O hide not your face from me, O God, do I seek.

- Psalm 27, adapt. Michael Bedford, alt.

"Light Shone in Darkness"

HYMN 307

*After all have communed:*

*(standing)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: **C** **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Now, Lord”

HYMN 201

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

## *The Sending Liturgy*

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### SENDING OF COMMUNION

*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 brothers and sisters 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

- A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE:

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Mark Sedio

*The flowers on the altar are given by Beth Gaede and Bob Christenson with thanksgiving for God's many blessings and in honor of Bob's 90th birthday this coming week.*

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
<b>Sacristan</b>	Andrew Stoebig
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tricia Van Ee
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Allen Dundek, Rob Ruff
<b>Livestream / Audio Mix</b>	Greg Murphy / David Molvik
<b>(10:45) Choirs</b>	Mount Olive Cantorei Youth Choir, Rebekah Schulz, director Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, director
<b>Flute</b>	Wes Huisinga

	<b><u>8:00</u></b>	<b><u>10:45</u></b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Thomas Fenner & Adam Krueger	Eleanor Crippen, John Crippen
<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Ruff	David Hauschild
<b>Ushers</b>	Joy Obadiaru, Stephanie Obadiaru	Irene Campbell, Carol Martinson, Chuck Reyer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff      Joy Obadiaru	Bonnie McLellan

# WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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<b>Livestream</b>	Eric Manuel
<b>(10:45) Choir</b>	Mount Olive Cantorei
<b><u>8:00</u></b>	<b><u>10:45</u></b>
Kat Campbell Johnson, Jan Harbaugh Cynthia Prosek George Ferguson & Brian Jacobs  Cynthia Prosek Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Erica Johnsen-Buss, Jasmine Johnsen Buss  Nicholas Johnson Sue Browender, David Engen, Elena Molbert Mary Crippen
<b>Hosts Needed!</b>	<b>Hosts Needed!</b>



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Al Bipes; Krys Campbell-Bolz; Jan Gallagher; Marilyn Gebauer; Tom Graves; Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo Nelson; Rhoda Nelson; Gail Nielsen; Paul Nixdorf; Connie & Rod Olson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Mark Spitzack; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Charlotte Erasmus, friend of Nancy Anderson; Joanne and Paul Solarski, mother and uncle of Emily Bird; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; George Murphy, friend of Sue Browender; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Mary Bouska, friend of Mary Dodgson; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltviet, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Bonnie Beisell, friend of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Harriet Marty, step-mother of John & Connie Marty; 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; Linda Penas, sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Jolie Melana Meshbesher and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Aric Sorenson, former member of Mount Olive; Trish Ryan, mother in law of Erika Thurston Ryan; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss and Jim Weiss, mother-in-law and brother-in-law of John Wall; Wendell; Lynda, friend of Eric Zander; Elijah Pettis; Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week:** Marlys Oelfke and Connie Olson.
- **In hospice care:** Steve Sherer; Beth Hering; Jack Olson; Fred Johnson, great uncle of Andrew Stoebig; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
*The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.*

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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**Sunday, January 25** – *Third Sunday after Epiphany, year A; Conversion of St. Paul*

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

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

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

3:00 pm      MFA event: Singing the Art of Aaron Silver

**Monday, January 26** – *St. Timothy, St. Titus, and St. Silas, missionaries*

5:30 pm      Family Music Time (online only)

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

**Tuesday, January 27** – *St. Lydia, St. Dorcas, and St. Phoebe, witnesses to the faith*

Noon          Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 28** – *St. Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274*

10:00 am      Staff meeting

5:30 pm      Children's Choir supper

6:00 pm      Children's Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm      Cantorei rehearsal

7:00 pm      Y3 Confirmation

**Thursday, January 29**

**9:30 am**      ***Morning Prayer***

7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, January 30**

7:00 pm      Recovery Group

**Saturday, January 31**

3:00 pm      Early Music Minnesota Concert: Conversations in Counterpoint

**Sunday, February 1** – *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, year A*

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

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

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

12:30 pm      Theological Discussion group

12:30 pm      Global Ministry Committee meeting

4:00 pm      MFA event: Bohdan Tataryn, pianist, followed by reception

**Monday, February 2**

5:30 pm      Family Music Time

6:30 pm      Recorder group

**7:00 pm**      ***Holy Eucharist for The Presentation of Our Lord***

## **The Commemorations**

**January 25:** *Conversion of St. Paul* - The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

**January 26:** *St. Timothy, St. Titus, and St. Silas, missionaries* - These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

**January 27:** *St. Lydia, St. Dorcas, and St. Phoebe, witnesses to the faith* - Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

**January 28:** *St. Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274* - One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

### **Today's Adult Forum**

Justice Ministry Director Candy Husemoller will lead a discussion about the work of her committee.

### **Next Week's Forum:**

Greg Murphy and George Heider (perhaps others!) will provide additional background and information on their recent trip to Palestine.

# *The Presentation of Our Lord*

**Monday, February 2**  
**Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm**

*All are welcome.*



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