



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 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: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, year A

What does God ask of us? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. These simple words set a challenge for anyone who recognizes the injustice and suffering that mark and mar much of human existence. Today, Jesus teaches the disciples a way of seeing those who are blessed in God's sight: those who are poor, mourners, meek; those who hunger for righteousness; those who are merciful and pure in heart, those who are peacemakers. We need our eyes opened to see these, and our hearts open to walk with them.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, year A

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Prelude in G Major, op. 37, no. 2 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

ENTRANCE HYMN *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*
“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” HYMN 669

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. Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8 *(seated)*

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

A brief silence follows the psalm.

(10:45) *The choir sings an antiphon at the beginning and end: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?*

The congregation sings verses 2-5, sing the following tone:



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The alleluia is sung twice.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. - *Matthew 5:12*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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

You Are

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“What Does the Lord Require”

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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

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) “Blessed Are Those: The Beatitudes” – Benjamin Harlan

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn; for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will have mercy;

and blessed are the pure for they will see God.

Blessed are the makers of peace, for they are the children of God;

and blessed are those who suffer for righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Rejoice and be glad, for those who sow in tears, for they will see God. - Matthew 5, adapted.

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

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

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

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

 **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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(10:45) "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

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(10:45) "Thee We Adore, O Savior"

HYMN 476

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

HYMN 528

After all have communed:

(standing)

COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: **C Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Now, Lord"

HYMN 201

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **C Amen.**

The Sending Liturgy

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

☞ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Fugue in G Major, op. 37, no. 2 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*The flowers on the altar are given by Matt & Tammy Anderson,
in celebration of their birthdays.*

Today's Adult Forum

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

Next Week's Forum:

Taste of Palestine!

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Assisting Minister	Judy Hinck
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Erik Nelson
Communion Ministers	Larry Duncan, Art Halbardier
Livestream	Eric Manuel
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Kat Campbell Johnson, Jan Harbaugh	Erica Johnsen-Buss, Jasmine Johnsen Buss
Lectors	Cynthia Prosek	Nicholas Johnson
Ushers	George Ferguson & Brian Jacobs	Sue Browender, David Engen, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Mary Crippen

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Ushers	John Bjork, Dale Kruse	Carol Austermann, Mike Knudson, Robin Rayfield
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Bonnie McLellan
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!	Hosts Needed!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; 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 Coltvett, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Philip Borchardt, friend of Gene Janssen; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Chet Seidel and Bonnie Beisell, friends 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 Meshbeshier 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:** Thomas Bostelmann, Judith Graves, and Orvis Holm.
- **In hospice care:** 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.
- **At the death of:** Steve Sherer, friend of Mount Olive.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.

What Does the Lord Require



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?
3 Still down the ag - es ring the proph-et's stern com-mands:
4 How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice, de - sire or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear while crime and cru - elty grow?
to mer - chant, work - er, king, he brings God's high com-mands:
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with your God.
Then just - ly, in mer - cy, we'll hum - bly walk with God.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt., para. Micah 6:6-8

Music: SHARPTHORNE, Erik Routley, 1917–1982

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Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of your



give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n.
 peace, to wake at last in heav - en's light.

Text: Based on a prayer attrib. to St. Francis of Assisi; James Quinn, SJ, 1919–2010

Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional

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THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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 / Justice Committee meeting
4:00 pm MFA event: Bohdan Tataryn, pianist, followed by reception

Monday, February 2 — *Presentation of Our Lord*

- 5:30 pm Family Music Time
6:30 pm Recorder group
7:00 pm **Holy Eucharist for The Presentation of Our Lord**

Tuesday, February 3 — *St. Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden*

- Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, February 4

- 10:00 am Staff meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
6:00 pm Community Well-Being Committee meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
7:00 pm Y3 Confirmation

Thursday, February 5 — *The Martyrs of Japan*

- 9:30 am** **Morning Prayer**
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, February 6

- 7:00 pm Recovery Group

Sunday, February 8 — *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, year A*

TASTE OF PALESTINE

- 8:00 am** **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Adult Forum / Youth Discussion / Godly Play
9:30 am Family Music Time LIVE
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
12:30 pm Taste of Palestine meal
12:30 pm YI Confirmation

The Commemorations

February 2: *Presentation of Our Lord* - Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

February 3: *St. Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865* - A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

February 5: *The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597* - Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

The Presentation of Our Lord

Monday, February 2
Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm

All are welcome.



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