



## *First Sunday in Lent*

*February 22, 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: First Sunday in Lent, year A

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Jesus’ forty-day fast following his baptism, and his temptation in the desert, are the inspiration for our Lenten pilgrimage. Our Lenten journey leads to the baptismal waters of Easter; the journey of our life of faith is fed by the waters of baptism and the bread of God’s mercy we receive as nourishment and strength for our service in this world.

# First Sunday in Lent, year A

February 22, 2026 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE: Allemande, from *French Suite no. 4*, BWV 815 J. S. Bach

AT THE ENTRANCE *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*  
The Great Litany HYMN 238

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

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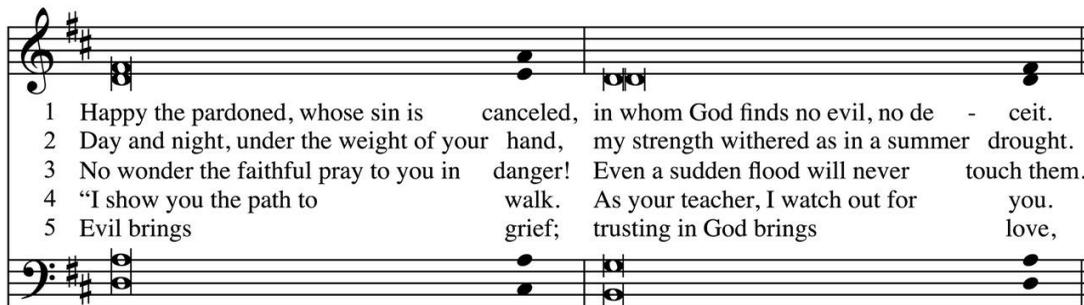
FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 *(seated)*

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

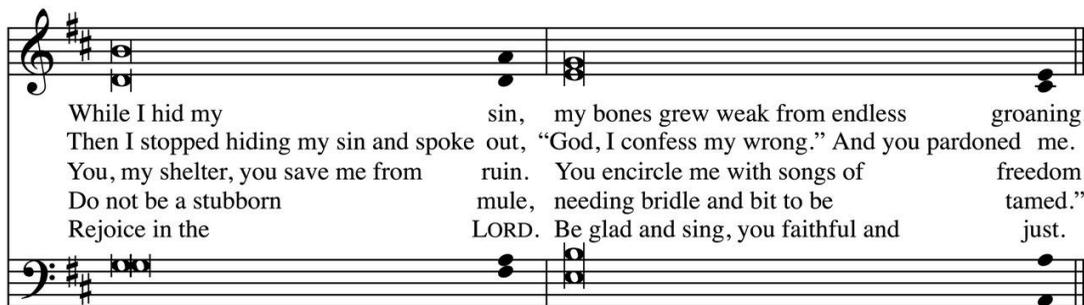
PSALMODY: Psalm 32

*A brief silence follows the psalm.*

*Sung by all in harmony.*



1 Happy the pardoned, whose sin is canceled, in whom God finds no evil, no deceit.  
2 Day and night, under the weight of your hand, my strength withered as in a summer drought.  
3 No wonder the faithful pray to you in danger! Even a sudden flood will never touch them.  
4 "I show you the path to walk. As your teacher, I watch out for you.  
5 Evil brings grief; trusting in God brings love,

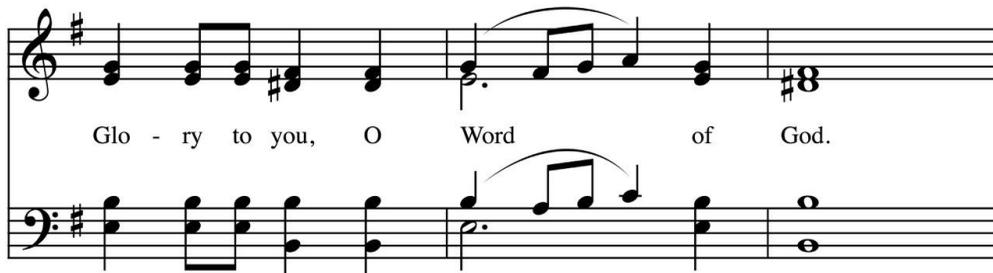


While I hid my sin, my bones grew weak from endless groaning.  
Then I stopped hiding my sin and spoke out, "God, I confess my wrong." And you pardoned me.  
You, my shelter, you save me from ruin. You encircle me with songs of freedom.  
Do not be a stubborn mule, needing bridle and bit to be tamed."  
Rejoice in the LORD. Be glad and sing, you faithful and just.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God.

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

*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

**Wet Truth**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When We Are Tested”

*(standing)*  
ACS HYMN 922

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 3 – Low voices*

*Stanza 2 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 4 – All*

SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION

*As our Lenten journey calls us back to 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.**

**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

*(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.*

“Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich”  
(Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord)

Richard Proulx

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Response:* **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

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Sanctus

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## 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 *sung 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) “The Glory of These Forty Days”

HYMN 320

(10:45) “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

HYMN 321

“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”

HYMN 814

*After all have communed:*

*(standing)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Response:* **C** **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

☐ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING HYMN

“Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord”

HYMN 784

*There will be no postludes during the season of Lent.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by  
the Gebauer family, in memory of Marilyn.*

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

“Practicing Hope, and Not Just ‘Having’ It,” part 2 of a 2-part forum  
presented by The Rev. Cody J. Sanders, Ph.D.

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lora Dundek
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kat Campbell Johnson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Judy & Walt Hinck, Don Luther
<b>Livestream / Audio Mix</b>	Donn McLellan / David Molvik

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tim Sneer, Larry Duncan	Amy Thompson, Rose Thompson
<b>Lectors</b>	Dale Kruse	John Gidmark
<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn & Rob Ruff	Brad & Kandi Jo Nelson, Irene Campbell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff      Jan Harbaugh	Candy Husemoller

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# WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Paul Nixdorf
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Larry Duncan
<b>Livestream</b>	Eric Manuel
<b>(10:45) Choir</b>	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Larry Duncan, TBA	Elena Molbert, Tricia Van Ee
<b>Lectors</b>	Rob Ruff	Donn McLellan
<b>Ushers</b>	John Bjork, Brian Jacobs	Carol Austermann, Mike Knudson, Robin Rayfield
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff	Mary Crippen Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Jan Gallagher; Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo 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; 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; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvet, 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:** Warren Peterson and Emily Dyson.
- **In hospice care:** Beth Hering; Jack Olson; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

**February 23:** *St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156* - Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

**February 25:** *Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921* - Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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## **Sunday, February 22** – *First Sunday in Lent, 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     YI Confirmation  
**4:00 pm**      ***MFA Event: Lent Procession***

## **Monday, February 23** - *St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr*

- 5:30 pm      Family Music Time  
7:00 pm      Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

## **Tuesday, February 24**

- Noon          Bible Study

## **Wednesday, February 25** - *Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess*

- 9:00 am      Staff meeting  
**Noon**          ***Midweek Lenten Eucharist***, followed by Soup Luncheon  
5:30 pm      Children's Choir supper  
6:00 pm      Children's Choir rehearsals  
6:00 pm      Soup Supper  
**7:00 pm**      ***Midweek Lenten Vespers***  
7:30 pm      Cantorei rehearsal

## **Thursday, February 26**

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

## **Friday, February 27**

- 7:00 pm      Recovery Group

## **Sunday, March 1** *Second Sunday in Lent, 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

# Midweek Lenten Worship

## *Wednesdays in Lent*

Holy Eucharist at Noon,  
followed by Soup Luncheon

Vespers at 7:00 pm,  
preceded by Soup Supper at 6 pm

*All are welcome.*



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