



## *Second Sunday in Lent*

*March 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: Second Sunday in Lent, year A

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Today Nicodemus wants to know if Jesus is from God; Jesus invites him into God’s reign, to be open to a new birth in the Spirit so that he can truly see what God is doing in the world, from within, instead of outside. And what he can see from within is the Triune God’s deep desire and love for the world that will save it through Jesus, the Son.

# Second Sunday in Lent, year A

March 1, 2026 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE: Choral Dorian Jehan Alain

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

“Hope of the World”

ACS HYMN 1085

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

*Stanza 3 – All*

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### 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. O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1-4a *(seated)*

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 121  
Sung in harmony by all.

*A brief silence follows the psalm.*

1 If I look to the mountains, will they come to my aid?  
2 May God, ever wakeful, keep you from stumbling;  
3 God shields you, a protector by your side.  
4 God shelters you from evil, securing your life.

My help is the LORD, who made earth and the heavens.  
the guardian of Israel neither rests nor sleeps.  
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon at night.  
God watches over you near and far, now and always.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

*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

**Accompanied**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

*(standing)*

ACS HYMN 1086

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.*

(10:45) "For God So Loved the World"

Melchior Franck

For God so loved the world that God gave the only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. – *John 3:16*

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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“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

HYMN 802

“God Loved the World”

HYMN 323

*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 Gene Janssen, in memory of husband, Robert, parents, Roy & Esther, and siblings, Virgil, Reona, Wayne, and Judy.*

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

“Embodied Faith: Movement and Action in Liturgy,” presented by Mount Olive Worship Director, Andrew Stoebig. A discussion of our kinesthetic faith, beginning with the whys and wherefores of our liturgical patterns and gestures at Mount Olive.

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

**Presiding Minister & Preacher** Pastor Joseph Crippen  
(8:00) **\*Organist** Robert Farlee  
(10:45) **Organist** Cantor Daniel Schwandt  
**Sacristan** Andrew Stoebig  
**Assisting Minister** Paul Nixdorf  
**Eucharistic Minister** Vicar Erik Nelson  
**Communion Minister** Larry Duncan  
**Livestream** Eric Manuel  
(10:45) **Choir** Mount Olive Cantorei

## 8:00

**Acolytes** Larry Duncan, TBA  
**Lectors** Rob Ruff  
**Ushers** John Bjork, Brian Jacobs  
**Altar Guild** Lynn Ruff

## 10:45

Elena Molbert, Tricia Van Ee  
Donn McLellan  
Carol Austermann, Mike Knudson,  
Robin Rayfield  
Mary Crippen  
Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede

*\* Cantor Schwandt is returning from assisting with the Indiana Music Educators Association "Circle the State with Song" festival in Elkhart, Indiana, held yesterday.*

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# WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8

**Presiding Minister & Preacher** Pastor Joseph Crippen  
**\* Organist** Timothy Strand  
**Sacristan** Brad Nelson  
**Assisting Minister** Vicar Erik Nelson  
**Eucharistic Minister** Eric Zander  
**Communion Ministers** Larry Duncan, Allen Dundek  
**Livestream** Greg Murphy  
(10:45) **Choirs** Mount Olive Cantorei  
Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, Director

## 8:00

**Acolytes** Jan Harbaugh, Robin Rayfield  
**Lectors** Thomas Fenner  
**Ushers** Joy Obadiaru, Stephanie Obadiaru  
**Altar Guild** Jan Harbaugh Joy Obadiaru

## 10:45

Eric Manuel, Steve Manuel  
John Crippen  
Irene Campbell, David Engen,  
Elena Molbert  
TBA

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Al Bostelmann; 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; 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:** Diana Hellerman, Amy Thompson, Robert Farlee, and Peggy Hoeft.
- **In hospice care:** Beth Hering; Jack Olson; Harriet Marty, step-mother of John & Connie Marty; 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 12 of worship folder.*

# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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**Sunday, March 1** — *Second Sunday in Lent, year A; George Herbert, hymnwriter*

**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

**Monday, March 2** — *John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church*

5:30 pm      Family Music Time

6:30 pm      Recorder group

7:00 pm      Vicar Committee meeting

7:00 pm      Global Ministry Committee meeting

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

**Tuesday, March 3**

Noon         Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 4**

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, March 5**

**9:30 am**      ***Morning Prayer***

7:00 pm      Shared Ministry Committee meeting

7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, March 6**

7:00 pm      Recovery Group

**Saturday, March 7** — *St. Perpetua and St. Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage*

**Sunday, March 8** — *Third 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

## ***The Commemorations***

**March 1:** *George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633* - An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

**March 2:** *John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church* - These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

**March 7:** *St. Perpetua and St. Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202* - Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

## **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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Cantor – Daniel Schwandt

Vicar – Erik Nelson

Administrative Assistant – Cha Posz

Sexton – Jose Morocho

Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry – Jim Bargmann

