



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, we sing with the psalmist today, and the prophet Isaiah proclaims to us that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. So, too, Jesus says we are salt and light for the world, bearing God’s goodness into the creation. This is our baptismal calling.

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, year A

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A Taste of Palestinian Worship: When the group from Mount Olive visited our Palestinian partner ministries in the West Bank and Jerusalem last November, we worshipped on Sunday with the congregations of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (Jerusalem). From time to time their English speaking and Arabic speaking congregations worship together, as they did that Sunday, and they worshipped in the chapel at Augusta Victoria Hospital, one of our ministry partners. At that liturgy, as part of the ordinary of the Mass, we sang the first stanza of “All Glory Be to God on High” and “O, Christ, Thou Lamb of God” in Arabic. Their people sang these with all their heart, as we sing them here. Today we’ll sing both of these, along with a Palestinian Christian hymn from our All Creation Sings resource, as part of our celebration of our Palestinian siblings today.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Benedictus (Tierce en taille), from *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

ENTRANCE HYMN (standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)
“God, Whose Almighty Word” HYMN 673

GREETING

¶ The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“All glory be to God on High”

Stanza 1 – Sung first by the soloist/choir in Arabic, then by all, either in Arabic or English

Stanzas 2, 3 – All

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 112 *A brief silence follows the psalm.*

(10:45) *The choir sings an antiphon at the beginning after verses 4 and 10:*
Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

The congregation sings the even-numbered verses, using the following tone:



SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Response: **C** **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: Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me
will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

You Are This, Too

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“To Be Your Presence”

HYMN 546

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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

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) "This Little Light of Mine" Spiritual, arr. William Bradley Roberts
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
 Oh, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
 All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

OFFERTORY HYMN 460
 "Now the Silence"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **C Amen.**

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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*
"Our Father in heaven..."

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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.

"O Christ, Lamb of God"

*Sung first by the soloist/choir in Arabic, then repeated by all,
either in Arabic or English*

Yah - Ham - la - la - hi, ya Raa - fi - 'a kha - taa - ya - l'aa - lam,
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

ir - ham - naa. Ya Ham - la - la - hi, ya Raa -
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take

fi - 'a kha - taa - ya - l'aa - lam, ir - ham - naa.
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.

Yah - Ham - la - la - hi, ya Raa - fi - 'a kha - taa - ya - l'aa - lam,
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

am-nah - na Sa - laa-mah Ka. A - - - - - men.
grant us your peace. A - - - - - men.

(10:45) "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"	HYMN 712
(10:45) "Guide My Feet"	ACS HYMN 987
"Let Your Peace Rain Upon Us / Yarabba ssalami"	ACS HYMN 989

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.

- P** 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.
- C** **We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Grand jeu (Dialogue) Pierre Du Mage

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan	Andrew Stoebig
Assisting Minister	Vicar Erik Nelson
Eucharistic Minister	Brad Nelson
Communion Ministers	Larry Duncan, Art Halbardier
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	8:00	10:45
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Tim Sneer	David Bryce, Tim Pipkorn
Lectors	Dale Kruse	Sarah Stoebig
Ushers	John Bjork, Dale Kruse	Carol Austermann, Mike Knudson, Robin Rayfield
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Bonnie McLellan

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Assisting Minister	Jim Bargmann
Crucifer	Wes Huisenga
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Erik Nelson
Communion Ministers	Larry Duncan, Judy & Walt Hinck, Brad & Linda Holt
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / Ken Schulz
(10:45) Choirs	Mount Olive Cantorei Youth Choir, Rebekah Schulz, director Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, director

	8:00	10:45
Acolytes	Thomas Fenner, Robin Rayfield	James E. Berka, James P. Berka
Lectors	Brian Jacobs	David Bryce
Ushers	Jerry Duncan, Lisa Nordeen	David Engen, Carol Martinson, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek	Mary Crippen
	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	
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; 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 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 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:** Thomas Schattauer, Joseph Crippen, Brenda Bartz, Carol Jane Brunette, William Schlichting, and Katherine Krueger-McCuen.
- **In hospice care:** Beth Hering; Jack Olson; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig.
- **At the death of:** Marilyn Gebauer; Fred Johnson, great uncle of Andrew Stoebig.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 am Diaper Depot Staff meeting
Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, February 11

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, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, February 14 — St. Cyril, monk, and St. Methodius, bishop, missionaries to the Slavs

10:00 am Book Discussion Group
7:00 pm Minneapolis Choir Collective Concert

Sunday, February 15 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

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 Y4 Confirmation

The Commemorations

February 14: St. Cyril, monk, died 869; and St. Methodius, bishop, died 885; *missionaries to the Slavs* - These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

Today's Adult Forum Taste of Palestine!

Next Week's Forum:

“Practicing Hope, and Not Just ‘Having’ It,” a 2-part forum presented by The Rev. Cody J. Sanders, Ph.D. - These two forums will take a renewed look at hope as a practice of Christian community undomesticated from optimism, or progress narratives, or wishful thinking. We will use this conversation to begin rewilding our hopeful practice in an era of polycrisis, collapse, and despair when we need communities of hopeful practice the most.

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