



# 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 in Lent, year A

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Today the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water; she thinks what she needs is an easier way for filling her jug. Instead, Jesus offers her something much richer, himself. Jesus offers living water, a loving relationship with the Triune God that satisfies her (and our) deepest need and thirst.

# Third Sunday in Lent, year A

March 8, 2026 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE: "Berceuse" (sur les paroles classiques) Louis Vierne  
"Choral Dorien" Jehan Alain

ENTRANCE HYMN *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*  
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" HYMN 611

### 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.**

### KYRIE

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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

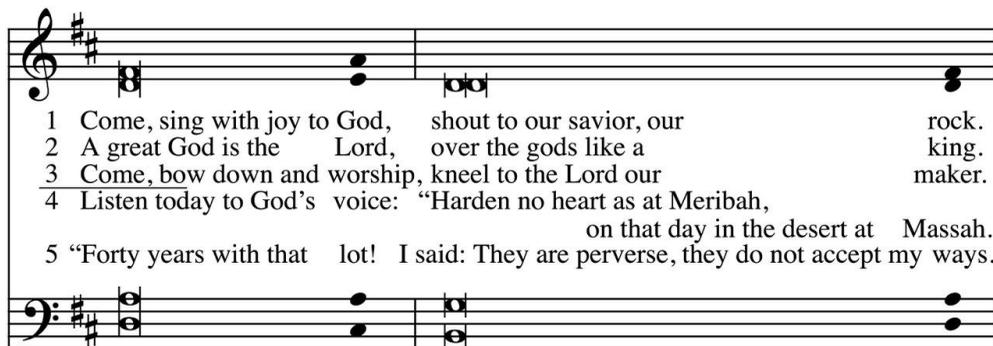
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FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7 *(seated)*  
Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

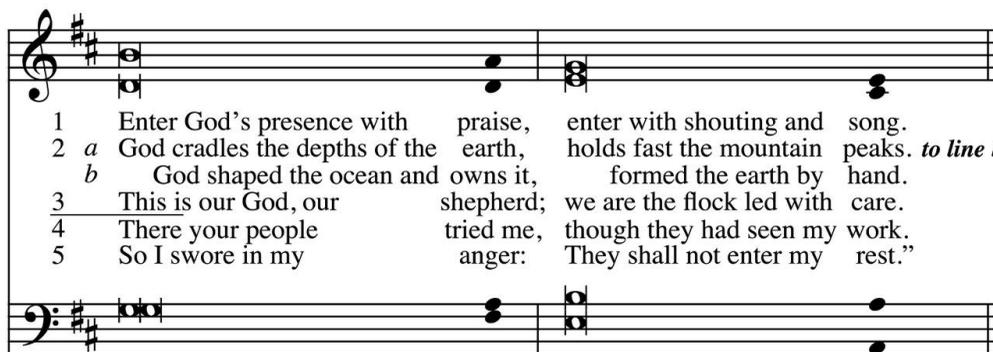
PSALMODY: Psalm 95

*A brief silence follows the psalm.*

*Sung in harmony by all.*



1 Come, sing with joy to God, shout to our savior, our rock.  
 2 A great God is the Lord, over the gods like a king.  
 3 Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord our maker.  
 4 Listen today to God's voice: "Harden no heart as at Meribah,  
 on that day in the desert at Massah.  
 5 "Forty years with that lot! I said: They are perverse, they do not accept my ways.

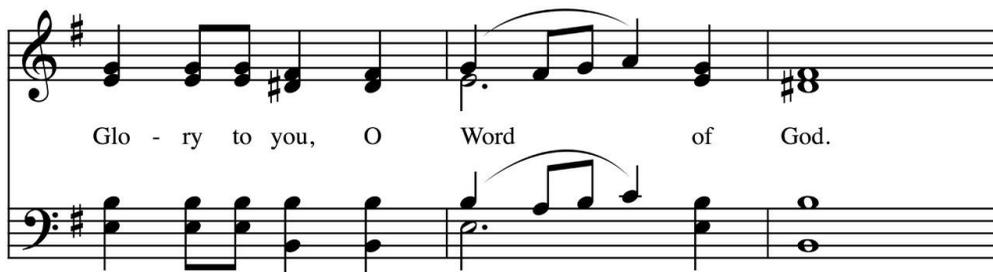


1 Enter God's presence with praise, enter with shouting and song.  
 2 *a* God cradles the depths of the earth, holds fast the mountain peaks. *to line b*  
*b* God shaped the ocean and owns it, formed the earth by hand.  
 3 This is our God, our shepherd; we are the flock led with care.  
 4 There your people tried me, though they had seen my work.  
 5 So I swore in my anger: They shall not enter my rest."

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

*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: Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me this living water that I may never thirst again. – *John 4:42, 15*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:(3-4)5-42

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

### Stay With Us

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanzas, 3, 4 – All, in harmony

Stanza 5 – Treble voices

Stanza 6 – All

*(standing)*

HYMN 777

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.*

(8:00) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Michael Burkhardt

(10:45) "Like as the Hart"

Healey Willan

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God:

when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? - Psalm 42:1-2

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

☞ Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim Christ’s death until he comes.

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

☞ Remembering, therefore . . . saving water, food, and life.

☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☞ Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . by the love of Christ.

☞ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☞ All-Gracious One . . . now and forever.

☞ **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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“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

HYMN 658

(10:45) “Take Me To the Water” Spiritual, arr. Keith Hampton and David Cherwien

Take me to the water to be baptized.

I love Jesus, oh, yes, I do.

He’s my Savior, oh, yes, he is.

(10:45) “As the Deer Runs to the River”

HYMN 331

*After all have communed:*

*(standing)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

## 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

**☩** 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 in memory of  
Rod & Naomi Peterson, by their children, Ross, Carol, Mona, and Steve.*

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
* <b>Organist</b>	Timothy Strand
<b>Sacristan</b>	Brad Nelson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Eric Zander
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Larry Duncan, Allen Dundek
<b>Livestream / Audio Mix</b>	Greg Murphy / Ken Schulz
(10:45) <b>Choirs</b>	Mount Olive Cantorei, Andrew Stoebig, director Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, Director

	<u><b>8:00</b></u>	<u><b>10:45</b></u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jan Harbaugh, Robin Rayfield	Eric Manuel, Steve Manuel
<b>Lectors</b>	Thomas Fenner	John Crippen
<b>Ushers</b>	Joy Obadiaru, Stephanie Obadiaru	Irene Campbell, David Engen, Elena Molbert
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Harbaugh      Joy Obadiaru	Bonnie McLellan

\* Cantor Schwandt is on vacation until Friday.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
<b>Sacristan</b>	Tom Olsen
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tricia Van Ee
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Brad & Linda Holt, Rob Ruff
<b>Livestream / Audio Mix</b>	Eric Manuel / David Molvik
<b>(10:45) Choirs</b>	Mount Olive Cantorei Youth Choir, Rebekah Schulz, director

	<u><b>8:00</b></u>	<u><b>10:45</b></u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Adam Krueger, Tim Sneer	David Bryce, Wes Huisinga
<b>Lectors</b>	Cynthia Prosek	Sue Browender
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Kruse, Lisa Nordeen	David Anderson, Allen Heggen, Chuck Reyer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cynthia Prosek	Bonnie McLellan Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede

## 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 Coltvot, 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; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt Krueger-McCuen; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Sandy Bryant, Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, 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; Steve Langlie, friend of Eric Zander; Elijah Pettis; Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week:** Merwyn Larson, Mark Ruff, Thomas Graves, Anders Amala, Brian Burmeister, Martha Hamlin, and Orrin Tietz.
- **In hospice care:** Jack Olson; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig.
- **At the death of:** Beth Hering; Harriet Marty, step-mother of John & Connie Marty; Mariel Wolter, sister of Connie Olson; Doug Peterson, brother-in-law of Timm Schnabel and Tim Lindholm; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop.
- **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 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

## **Monday, March 9**

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

## **Tuesday, March 10** – *Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, renewers of society*

- Noon          Bible Study

## **Wednesday, March 11**

- 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 12** – *St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome*

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

## **Friday, March 13**

- 7:00 pm      Recovery Group

## **Saturday, March 14**

- 10:00 am      Book Discussion group  
Noon          Funeral Visitation: Beth Hering  
**1:00 pm**      ***Funeral Eucharist***

## **Sunday, March 15** – *Fourth 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  
3:00 pm      MFA Event: "Singing the Art of Aaron Silver," part 2

## ***The Commemorations***

**March 10:** *Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society* - Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

**March 12:** *St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604* - Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

### **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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