



Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 + 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: Third Sunday in Lent, year C

Why do you spend your money, your time, your life, on things that do not feed you? Isaiah asks. What will it take for you to bear fruit of God’s grace and love in the world? Jesus’ parable asks. Yet today we hear the astonishing news of God’s graceful gardening, willing to till and nourish us until we do bear fruit, and the prophet’s promise of water, wine, milk, life, without price, freely poured out by God.

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE “O Mensch, bewein dein’ Sünde groß” J. S. Bach

AT THE PROCESSION *(Standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*
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 *(standing)*

☞ Let us pray. Eternal God, your reign has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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

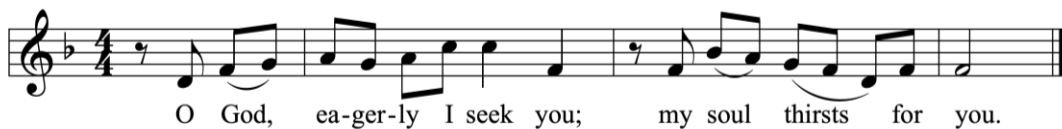
FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 *(seated)*

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 63:1-8

A brief silence follows the psalm.

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 4 and 8.



O God, ea-ger-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone:



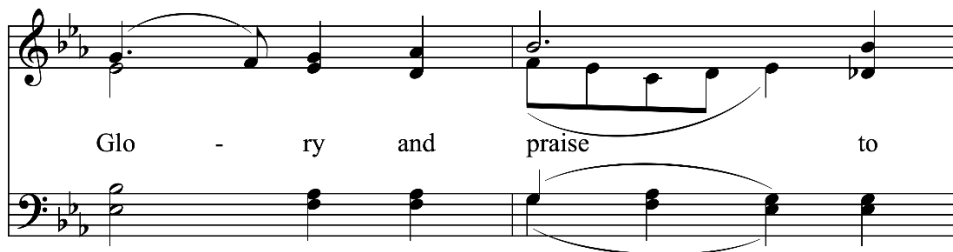
SECOND READING: I Corinthians 10:1-131

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

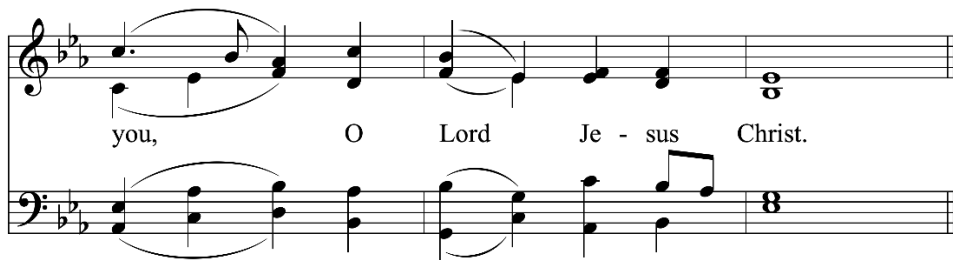
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

“Glory and praise...”



Glo - ry and praise to



you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

Verse: *Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” — Matthew 4:17*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-8

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

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

The Gospel acclamation is sung again.

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

Hold On

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

HYMN 777

Refrain — All

Stanza 1 — All, in unison

Stanza 4 — All, in harmony

Stanza 2 — All, in harmony

Stanza 5 — Low voices

Stanza 3 — Treble voices

Stanza 6 — All, in unison

SELF-EXAMINATION AND CONFESSION

As our Lenten journey calls us back to our 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.

☩ Merciful and most high God, . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ Amen.

☩ God, who is rich in mercy, . . . live in your hearts through faith.

☩ Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **C** hear our prayer.

PEACE You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

(standing)

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(10:45) “God Moves in a Mysterious Way,” from *Saint Nicolas*, op. 42

*God moves in a mysterious way her wonders to perform;
she plants her footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.*

Benjamin Britten

*Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
she treasures up her bright designs, and works her sovereign will.*

*Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head. Amen!* — William Cowper, alt.

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

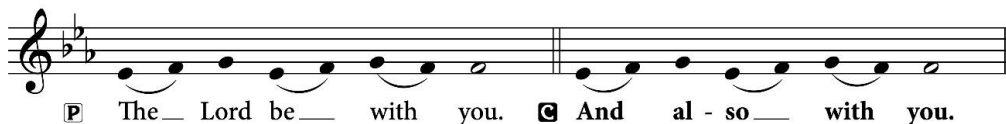
“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

HYMN 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **C** Amen

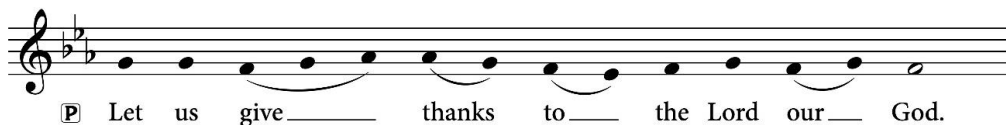
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

HYMN 190

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

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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.

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

HYMN 199

“Restore in Us, O God”

HYMN 328

Stanza 1 — All

Stanza 3 — Treble voices

Stanza 2 — Low voices

Stanza 4 — All

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

HYMN 647

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

(standing)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

The Liturgy of Sending

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

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 sisters and brothers 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.**

No postludes will be played during the solemn season of Lent.

Today's Adult Forum - 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge

Mount Olive member Nancy Anderson will lead a presentation and discussion about the Iona Community.

Next Week's Forum

March 30 and April 6: Mount Olive member Tom Schattauer will present a 2-part series on the Rites of Triduum and their liturgical history.

Special Congregation Meeting to Call a Cantor

The Vestry has called for a special congregation meeting on **Sunday, April 13, 2025, following the second liturgy that day** (Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday). The sole purpose for this meeting is to consider a candidate for Cantor of Mount Olive and vote whether to call that person. This meeting is called in advance of a decision by the Call Committee because the constitution requires three weeks' notice of a congregation meeting. If the Call Committee (meeting on Mar. 27) does not decide to bring forward a name from these final interviews, then the April 13 meeting will be cancelled.

Please note that the semi-annual meeting of the congregation is set for April 27. More to follow.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Lora Dundek
Assisting Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Eucharistic Minister	Eric Zander
Communion Minister	Rob Ruff
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / Ken Schulz
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei
Soloist	John Gidmark

8:00

Acolytes	Thomas Fenner & Adam Krueger
Lectors	Alan Wicks
Ushers	George Ferguson, Stephanie Obadiaru
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru
Coffee Hosts	

10:45

Carol Austermann, Tim Pipkorn
Donn McLellan
David Anderson, Carol Martinson, Brad Nelson
Mary Crippen
Rivard family

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Al Bipes
Assisting Minister	Consuelo Crosby
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
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(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

8:00

Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Robin Rayfield
Lectors	Adam Krueger
Ushers	Lynn & Rob Ruff
Altar Guild	Jan Harbaugh Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!

10:45

Wes Huisinga, John Meyer
Teresa Rothausen
Irene Campbell, David Engen, Elena Molbert
Mary Crippen
Hosts Needed!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Elizabeth Beissel; Dixie Berg; Harry Eklund; Gene Janssen; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Kandi Jo Nelson; Rhoda Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; David & Shirley Tabis; Carol Tressel; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Charlotte Erasmus, friend of Nancy Anderson; Kay Austermann, sister-in-law of Carol Austermann; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Nicky Iacono, friend of Martin Connell & Greg Terhaar; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Mary Barushka, friend of Mary Dodgson; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Berndt Gustafson, father of Bjorn Gustafson; Susan Varpness, mother of former vicar Mollie Hamre; Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Barb Heintz, mother of Andy Heintz; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Paul Hoeft, brother of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Roger Bradford 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; Nancy Pranke, and Linda Penas, sister-in-law and sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Herb Olson, brother of Rod Olson; Jolie Melana Meshbesh and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss, mother-in-law of John Wall; Lynda, Conrad Kunz, and Richard Sutherlund, friends and cousin of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Rayne Bipes, Connie Marty, Hannah Crippen, Wes Huisinga, Brooke Roegge, Lydia Dahl, and Consuelo Crosby.
- **For those in hospice care:** Judy Stratton; Mary Lee, Martha Boomgarten, sister of Jack Kruger.
- **At the death of:** Beverly Belua, sister of Rodney Schrank.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 12 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Adult Forum/Youth Conversation/Godly Play

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

Monday, March 24 – St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE [N.A. meeting]

Tuesday, March 25 – Annunciation of Our Lord

Noon Bible Study

9:00 am Diaper Depot staff meeting

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am Staff meeting

Noon **Midweek Lenten Eucharist**, followed by Soup Lunch

5:30 pm Children's Choir supper

5:45 pm Godly Play teachers meeting

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm **Midweek Lenten Vespers**

7:35 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, March 27

9:30 am **Morning Prayer**

5:00 pm Cantor Call Committee meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, March 28

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, March 29 – Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church

Sunday, March 30 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Adult Forum/Youth Conversation/Godly Play

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

The Commemorations

March 24: *St. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980* - Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.

March 25: *Annunciation of Our Lord* - Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.

March 29: *Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824* - Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

Become a Member

Whether you worship in person or from afar, we invite you to join us as members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Please contact welcome@mountolivechurch.org or evangelism@mountolivechurch.org for additional details.



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