



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 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: Fourth Sunday in Lent, year C

Lent is the time for coming home, returning to the waters of our baptism for nourishment and for life. In the ancient church it was also the season for reconciling lapsed Christians to the community of the faithful. Today’s readings provide images of such homecoming: Israel’s entry into the land of promise, a wandering son who returned to his waiting and prodigal father, and a stay-at-home-but still-lost son who also finds welcome and love from his father.

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: “Rhosymedre” from *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12

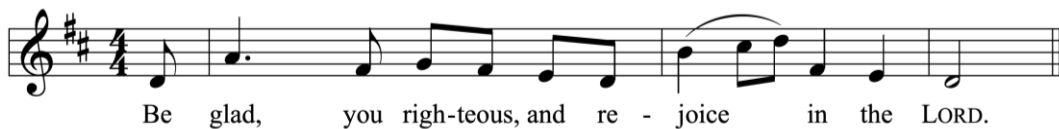
(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 32

A brief silence follows the psalm.

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 6 and 11.



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re - joice in the LORD.

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



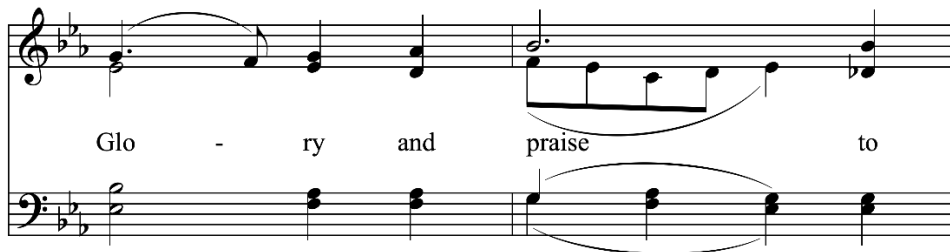
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

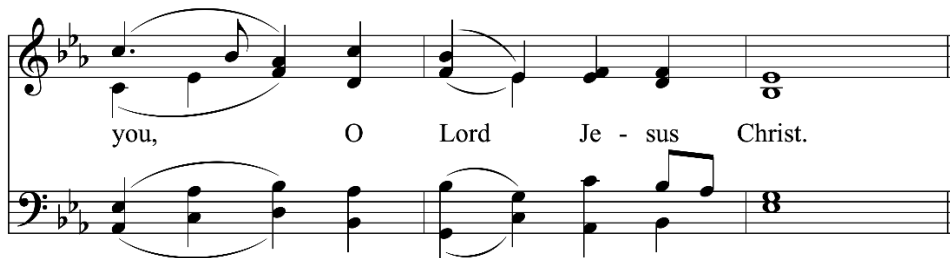
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

“Glory and praise...”



Glo - ry and praise to



you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

*Verse: I will arise and go to my father and say,
I have sinned against heaven and before you. — Luke 15:18*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

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

The Gospel acclamation is sung again.

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

On Behalf Of

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

HYMN 588

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 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.

P Compassionate God,

C **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 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) “O Love Divine,” from *Theodora*, HWV 68

G.F. Handel

*O love divine, thou source of fame, of glory and all joy!
Let equal fire our souls inflame, and equal zeal employ:
that we the glorious spring may know,
whose streams appeared so bright below.*

— Thomas Morell

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

“We Sing to You, O God”

hymn on page 13 of worship folder

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”

HYMN 607

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.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Allen & Lora Dundek, in celebration of Ellie's birthday.*

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

This Sunday and next Sunday, Mount Olive member Tom Schattauer will present a 2-part series on the Rites of Triduum and their liturgical history.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Soloist	Lora Dundek
Sacristan	Al Bipes
Assisting Minister	Consuelo Crosby
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Robin Rayfield	Wes Huisinga, John Meyer
Lectors	Adam Krueger	Teresa Rothausen
Ushers	Lynn & Rob Ruff	Irene Campbell, David Engen, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Jan Harbaugh Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts		Rivard family

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
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Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Tricia Van Ee
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Livestream	Reid Peterson
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Kat Campbell Johnson Jan Harbaugh	Carol Austermann, Brad Nelson
Lectors	Kathy Wicks	David Hauschild
Ushers	Michael Lansing, Alan Wicks	David Anderson, Elena Molbert, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede Jan Harbaugh	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts	Dahl family	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 Bouska, 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; Joy McDonald Coltvvet, friend of Jan Harbaugh; 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:** Peter Crippen, Amanda Torgeson, Penny Freeman, Gerald Duncan, Carol Martinson, Lawrence Duncan, Joyce Brown.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee, Martha Boomgarten, sister of Jack Kruger.
- **At the death of:** Judy Stratton.
- **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 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

Monday, March 31 – *John Donne, poet*

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

6:00 pm Education Committee meeting

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

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 am Diaper Depot staff meeting

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 am Staff meeting

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

5:30 pm Children's Choir supper

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm **Midweek Lenten Vespers**

7:35 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, April 3

9:30 am **Morning Prayer**

7:00 pm MIRAC meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, April 4 – *St. Benedict the African, confessor*

Noon LSS Alumni luncheon

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, April 5

10:00 am Funeral Visitation: Judy Stratton

11:00 am **Funeral Eucharist**

Sunday, April 6 – *Fifth 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 31: *John Donne, poet, died 1631* - After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

April 4: *St. Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589* - Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

We Sing to You, O God

1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert land,
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to its young;
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your wings,

let our re-joic-ing sing your name in all the earth.
you shield-ed with your love our fear-ful pil-grim band.
you rise up on your wings and bear us toward the sun.
the ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our prais-es ring.

To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our
You kept us safe with-in your arms and shel-tered us a -
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your un -
Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in

feast of praise, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise,
gainst the storm, and shel-tered us a - gainst the storm.
fail-ing care, and trust in your un - fail-ing care.
whom we trust. you are the God in whom we trust.

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 and Vestry because the constitution requires three weeks' notice of a congregation meeting. If the Call Committee and Vestry do 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.

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays in Lent

Holy Eucharist at Noon,
followed by Soup Luncheon

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

All are welcome.

Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter at Mount Olive

Sunday, April 13: Sunday of the Passion

Holy Eucharist, 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

(No adult or children's education this day)

Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16: Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week

+ Daily Prayer at Noon, in the side chapel of the nave,
near the columbarium

Thursday, April 17: Maundy Thursday

+ Holy Eucharist, Noon

+ Holy Eucharist, with Washing of Feet, 7:00 pm

Friday, April 18: Good Friday

+ Stations of the Cross, Noon

+ Adoration of the Cross, 7 pm

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday

+ The Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm, followed by a festive reception

Sunday, April 20: The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

+ **ONE** Festival Holy Eucharist at 10 am

(note change in Sunday schedule!)

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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Sexton – Jose Morocho

Coordinator Neighborhood Ministry – Jim Bargmann