

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: Good Friday

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord’s passion and death. We gather this day at noon, the hour of our Lord Jesus’ crucifixion, and walk with him to his cross and burial.

The Triduum

Good Friday: The Way of the Cross

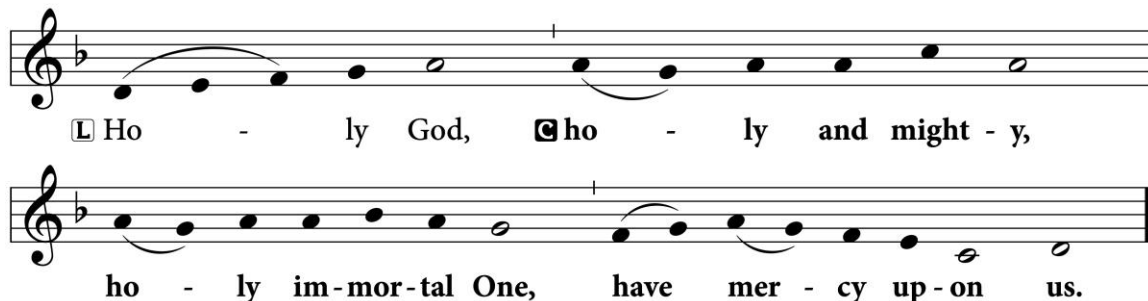
April 18, 2025 ✝ Noon

Opening Devotions

Please stand as the leaders enter.

L In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

TRISAGION



L Ho - ly God, **C** ho - ly and might - y,
ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

L Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
C to receive honor and glory and blessing.

Revelation 5:12

PRAYER

Response: **C** Amen.

The Way of the Cross

I

+ Jesus is condemned to death +

Mark 15:1, 14:64b; John 19:13, 16

- ℒ For this I was born, and for this I came into the world,
- © **to testify to the truth.**

John 18:37

HYMN 349: “Ah, Holy Jesus” *Stanza 1*

II

+ Jesus takes up his cross +

John 19:17; Hebrews 5:8; Isaiah 53:7b; Revelation 5:12

- ℒ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
- © **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.**

1 Timothy 1:15

HYMN 667: “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” *Stanzas 1 and 2*

III

+ Jesus meets his afflicted mother +

Lamentations 2:13; Matthew 5:4; Isaiah 60:20b

- ℒ This child is destined for the falling and rising of many,
- © **and a sword will pierce your own soul also.**

Luke 2:34-35

HYMN: “At the Cross Her Station Keeping”

At the cross her stat-ion keep-ing, stood the mourn-ful moth-er weep-ing,
close to Je - sus at the last, Through her soul, of joy be - reav - éd,
bowed with ang - uish, deep-ly griev-éd, now at length the sword hath passed.

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IV

+ The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene +

Luke 23:26; Matthew 16:24, 11:29a, 30

- L** Whoever serves me must follow me,
C and where I am, there will my servant be also.

John 12:26

HYMN 799: "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" Stanza 4

V

+ Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem +

Luke 23:27-28

- L** Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction,
C and the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life. *Matthew 7:13*

HYMN: "By the Babylonian Rivers"



1. By the Bab - y - lo - nian riv - ers we sat down in grief and wept;
2. Let the cross be ben - e - dic - tion for those bound in tyr - an - ny;



hung our harps up - on a wil - low, mourned for Zi - on when we slept.
by the pow'r of res - ur - rec - tion loose them from cap - tiv - i - ty.

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VI

+ Jesus is stripped of his garments +
Matthew 27:33-34, 35b; John 19:24b

- ℒ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts,
© **no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff.** *Mt. 10:9-10*
HYMN 352: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *Stanza 2*

VII

+ Jesus is nailed to the cross +
Luke 23:33; Mark 15:28

- ℒ I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
© **No one comes to the Father except through me.** *John 14:6*
HYMN 339: “Christ, the Life of All the Living” *Stanza 1*

VIII

+ Jesus dies on the cross +
John 19:26-27a, 30; Luke 23:46a; John 19:30b

- ℒ I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat dies, it remains just a single grain;
© **but if it dies, it bears much fruit.** *John 12:24*
All kneel following the Trisagion. Silence is kept in lieu of a hymn stanza.

IX

+ Jesus is laid in the tomb +
Luke 23:50-51; Matthew 27:57-60

- ℒ Blessed are the pure in heart,
© **for they shall see God.** *Matthew 5:8*
HYMN 353: “Were You There” *Stanza 5*

Concluding Prayers

℣ Holy and Triune God, on the cross you have reconciled the world to yourself:

☩ **Make in us your new creation, that we may bear your love as Christ.**

2 Corinthians 5

℣ Let us pray.

Blessed are you ... now and forever.

☩ **Amen.**

℣ To Christ our Savior who loves us and stretched out his arms on the cross in order to embrace the world, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

☩ **Amen.**

The liturgy concludes in silence.

Worship Leaders

Leader	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Crucifer	Eric Zander
Livestream / Audio Mix	Dan Hellerich / Ken Schulz
Ushers	Alan & Kathy Wicks

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The Triduum and Easter at Mount Olive

- ❖ The Triduum, which began yesterday, Maundy Thursday, continues with the Liturgy of Good Friday (*Adoration of the Cross*) at 7:00 p.m. this evening.
- ❖ The Triduum concludes with the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m. The Vigil includes the liturgy of light, five readings from the Hebrew Scriptures, Affirmation of Baptism, and the first Easter Eucharist. Following the Vigil there will be a festive reception.
- ❖ Festival Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Easter Day 10:00 a.m.



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Prayers at the Stations

The meditation at each station will follow this order:

Stand

- ☐ Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death,
- ☑ **even death on the cross.**

Philippians 2:8

READING

See the versicle and response for each station.

PRAYER

TRISAGION

☐ Ho - ly God, ☑ ho - ly and might - y,
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MUSICAL MEDITATION (*seated*)

HYMN STANZA (*standing*)