



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: Ascension of Our Lord, year A

Today the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we, too, find Christ’s presence among us as we proclaim the Word and share the Easter feast with all God’s children.

Ascension of Our Lord, year A

May 14, 2026 ✝ 7:00 p.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Cantilène and Toccata, from *Twelve Short Pieces*, op. 43 Rachel Laurin

INTROIT

“Introit for the Ascension of Our Lord”

James E. Fritschel

Ye Galileans: why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia.

This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven:

shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Alleluia.

O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. — *Acts 1:11, Psalm 47:1*

GREETING

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

G **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord . . . be with you all.

G **And also with you.**

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

G Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



A Chris - te e - le - i - son.

G Chris - te e - le - i - son.



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

G Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

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

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

(standing)

HYMN 431

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

It is traditional to remain standing for prayer during the 50 days of Easter.

Response: **☞ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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.

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (HYFRYDOL)

Paul O. Manz

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYMN 392

Stanza 1 – All, in harmony

Stanza 4 – All, in harmony

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All, in unison

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☞ Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda – “Lift up your hearts”

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Sanctus – “Holy, holy, holy”

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Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy and blessed Triune One . . . Christ’s death until he comes.



C Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P With this bread and cup . . . into your life and love.



C A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

P Come among us now . . . and find new life.



C A - men. Come Ho-ly Spir - it.

P Shape now your Church . . . now and forever.



C A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

Lord’s Prayer

Chanted by all.

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Alleluia. Christ our Passover lamb is sacrificed for us,

C therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

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.

Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

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“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

HYMN 475

“See Christ to Heaven Ascending”

Friedrich Samuel Riegel

See Christ to heaven ascending in triumph to his throne,
great shouts in tumult blending with trumpets’ thrilling tone!
Sing praises to your Lord! Sing praises, bring ovations,
to Christ, the King of nations, the God of hosts adored!

Lo, heaven with joy is sounding his glad return to see;
behold the saints surrounding the Lord who set them free;
now myriad angels come, the cherub band rejoices,
and clearest seraph voices all welcome Jesus home.

We see the steps ascending that raised our Lord on high;
we see the highway wending to heaven’s unending joy.
Our Savior leads the way; yet he would not bereave us,
a well-marked path would leave us, prepares our passageway.

Let all our thoughts be winging, with you to heaven ascend;
let all our hearts be singing: “We seek you, Savior, Friend,
God’s own anointed Son, our Life and Way to heaven,
to whom all power is given, our Joy and Hope and Crown.”

- *Gottfried Sacer, tr. Martin Seltz*

TABLE BLESSING

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

(standing)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

HYMN 432

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 5 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 6 – All

Stanzas 3, 4 – All, in harmony

DISMISSAL

A Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Fanfare

Healy Willan

WORSHIP LEADERS

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