

Worship 2016 - 2017



Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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Worship Participation & Leadership

Participation

Worship at Mount Olive is:

- **Lutheran.** The Evangelical Lutheran Worship book empowers the congregation's prayer and praise each weekend.
- **Liturgical.** The worship service centers on the ancient pattern of gathering, Word, Meal and sending. A wide variety of service orders are used throughout the Church year, providing creativity and deep engagement.
- **Sacramental.** The baptismal font is central; each service begins with the pouring of the water and remembrance of baptism. Holy Communion is celebrated at each service, each weekend at Mount Olive. All are welcome to receive communion at Mount Olive which celebrates an open age communion invitation. Parents decide, in consultation with the pastors, when their child is ready to begin communing.
- **Centered on the Word of God.** The pastors are gifted preachers who seek to connect the Word of God to life's daily joys and sorrows. The preaching is centered in the life-giving message that we are justified (saved/healed/forgiven) by Jesus Christ by grace through faith.
- **Open to All.** Mount Olive expects young children in worship. There is also a nursery at the 10:30am worship service for those who need it.

Leadership

Ushers, lectors, acolytes, musicians, assisting ministers, communion servers, and other volunteers help to lead us in worship every week. There are many places for people of all ages to join in and assist, either as families, groups, or individually. Contact nancy@molive.org for more information about how to serve in these ways.



Nursery

- What?** We strive to provide a safe, caring, Christ-centered environment for children. The nursery is supervised by 2 adults during the Education Hour and the 10:30 service. The nursery is also open for parents to use during the Saturday evening service and the 8:00 service.
- Adults sign their child into the nursery and make contact with one of the adult volunteers. There is a sign-in book located on top of the diaper bag cubby. There are also pagers available so that adults can be called if necessary. Please return to the nursery to collect your child(ren) just prior to communion. Return your pager to one of the adults at this time. We will only release your child(ren) to an adult that has the corresponding pager.
- The Nursery is a well child environment. In order to provide the best care in our nursery, we ask that your child not participate if they have any of the following; cough, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, pink eye, or sore throat. We appreciate your cooperation.
- The Nursery also has a diaper changing room with diapers and wipes available for parents to use. The changing room can also be used by nursing mothers. A glider rocker and a boppy are there for your convenience. There is a small television broadcasting the service.
- For the safety of our young ones, we encourage older children to participate in worship. There are colored activity bags and children's bulletins available.
- There are opportunities to volunteer to serve as a caring adult in the nursery during regular worship services, the education hour, or holiday services. Please contact Carrie Fletcher at cxnfletch@aol.com or Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org if you are willing to help.
- Who?** Children from 0-3 years of age are welcome.
- Where?** The Mount Olive Nursery is located directly to the rear of the sanctuary, across the back hallway.

Music

Mount Olive has many opportunities for all ages to share their talents by participating in any of a variety of musical opportunities listed here. Music gives life to the word of God through song and allows the gathered congregation to experience Scripture in new ways. For more information, contact Brock Besse (Minister of Music) at (507) 288-1580, ext. 203 or email: bbesse@charter.net.



Choir

Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The choir sings primarily at the 10:30 a.m. service throughout the year, but will occasionally sing during the 8:00 a.m. service as well. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir, high school youth and older, is encouraged and invited to join and sing. You do not need to be able to read music to participate.

Glory Bells

Rehearsals are every Tuesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the bell classroom. The bell choir primarily rings for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services the second Sunday of each month, but also provides musical offerings during Festival celebrations as well. Anyone wishing to ring bells is invited to participate.



Brass Ensemble



Mount Olive is blessed to have a brass ensemble that accompanies and presents musical offerings throughout the year, enhancing the worship services by majestically leading the congregation in song. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the music room. This group currently consists of 2 trumpets, 1 French horn, 1 trombone, 1 tuba, and occasionally a timpani player.

Cantori

This vocal octet was new in 2015 and is comprised of 2 sopranos, 2 altos, 2 tenors and 2 basses. The Cantori performs at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services once every two months, and works on smaller ensemble pieces from the 18th and 19th centuries. If you are interested in filling one of the openings in this ensemble, or wish to be a sub, please contact Brock Besse.

Youth Orffestra

A new ensemble for 2016-2017, this group will consist of mallets and percussion including the xylophone, glockenspiel, vibraphone and many other Orff instruments. Youth in 5th grade and older are encouraged to sign up (form in the gathering space) and participate. This ensemble will present musical offerings at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, December 18, 2016.



Junior Choir and Wee-Ones

Each Sunday from 9:20 a.m. to 9:40 a.m., the Junior Choir (2nd grade through 5th) and the Wee Ones (Pre-K through 1st) are gathered in the music room and nursery to nurture their faith through song. The youth sing at various times throughout the Christian year. There is also a Youth Christmas Pageant which will be presented in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 18, 2016 between the services.

Vocal and Instrumental Offerings

There is always a need for vocal and instrumental musical offerings throughout the year, and anyone who sings and/or plays an instrument is encouraged to share their gifts with the people of Mount Olive. Maybe your schedule doesn't permit you to participate in any of the above groups, or maybe you're a college student, and are only home on certain weekends ... whatever the case, please feel free to contact Brock Besse so that you can be placed on the calendar to share your gifts as you are able.





CONVENTUS

A new, yet ancient worship experience

every Saturday beginning at 5:00 p.m.
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Conventus

What? Conventus means *Life Together*. This is the name for our weekly Saturday evening worship service. It is intended to offer a robust sense of God's presence within an ancient contemplative liturgical form. The first part of the gathering includes extended time for song, prayer, and confession. All are welcome: both those with a long practice of worshipping weekly, as well as those with relatively little experience in worship, Lutheran or otherwise.

During this service, the sanctuary is lit with fewer overhead lights and more candlelight. Following the prayer and confession time is the reading of God's Word, the sermon, and the hymn of the day. The Eucharistic liturgy and meal follow with actual bread and wine served each week. We are then sent out with a blessing and the passing of the Peace which leads directly into a time of fellowship following worship.

Who? All are welcome as we contemplatively gather in prayer, around the Word, and around the Table.

When? Every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Seasonal Observances

Church Year

Mount Olive has a strong sense of marking time through the various seasons of the Church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost). These liturgical seasons reflect the various seasons of life that we experience, and also help us tell the stories of God, God's People, and Christ's presence and work in the world.



Lectionary

Hundred of thousands of Christian congregations worldwide read the same Scriptures each week in worship. We are part of this rich tradition and sign of unity in Christ. This selection of Scripture is called The Revised Common Lectionary, and is a three-year reading cycle that guides us through many stages of life. As followers of Jesus, we continually and collaboratively engage these texts that reveal God to us in our world, and we look forward to reading and hearing them together day by day, week by week, and year by year. Look for next week's readings in the announcements section of the worship bulletin or find them at elca.org/lectionary.



Festival Days

Reformation Day. All Saints Day. Holy Week. Pentecost. These days tell some of the most important stories of who we are as God's people. Music, liturgy, and ritual mark these occasions and help to communicate the truths passed down to us from generations of faithful Christ-followers who have gone before. If you'd like to engage in one of these special observances, please contact Nancy Britson, Pastor Glenn, or Pastor Paul (nancy@molive.org, glenn@molive.org, paul@molive.org).





Healing Services

On each month of the year that includes 5 Sundays we provide an opportunity for healing and prayer at all weekend worship services. One of the pastors is stationed at a single kneeling station on the far side of the worship platform during the distribution of Holy Communion. **Worshippers are invited to visit the kneeling station and receive prayers and the oil of anointing for healing following their receiving Holy Communion.** We hope that this opportunity will be an important source of support for those who are enduring difficult times physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

Altar Guild

What?

The Mount Olive Altar Guild is comprised of volunteers who prepare the sanctuary and altar for meaningful worship. They prepare the bread, wafers, wine, and grape juice for communion at each service using the sacramental vessels. They also care for the baptismal font, the banners, candles, and altar linens to make the worship services more beautiful and meaningful. For special seasons of the church year, the altar guild decorates the worship space. The altar guild also has a special role in funerals, weddings, and baptisms, organizing the details of the services and working with pastors and parishioners. Additionally, volunteers bake bread, sew baptism napkins, launder linens and albs, and many other behind the scenes duties.



Who?

All are welcome to serve with the Altar Guild. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Sharon Parker (sharonk2001@msn.com).

