

# Mount Olive Lutheran Church



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**Resurrection of Our Lord**  
Sunday, April 5, 2026  
8:00 am & 10:30 am

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**A Reconciling in  
Christ Community**

**2830 18th Avenue NW**  
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# WELCOME

**Mount Olive** is a welcoming and inclusive congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving our neighbors in Rochester, Minnesota. Our core identity is lived out in four ways: Worship, Service, Education, and Fellowship.

## *Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:*

"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring: All gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations; All races and ethnicities; All ages and abilities; All economic statuses and education levels; All faith journeys and personal histories. We work for racial equity and commit to anti-racism as the way of right relationship with God and one another. As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."

## **About Worship at Mount Olive Lutheran:**



### **WELCOME CENTER**

As you leave the Sanctuary, directly to the right, you'll find the Welcome Desk. Please stop by to introduce yourself and ask any questions you may have about Mount Olive. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or a hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions.



### **CHILD CARE**

During worship services, the Mount Olive nursery is not staffed but open for parents' use. Toys and books, a diaper changing station, child's restroom, and mother's room are available. The Mount Olive nursery is located at the end of the front entry hall. Pagers are available for communication.



### **COMMUNION**

We celebrate Holy Communion each week. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive bread. You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Gluten free bread or wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server. Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.



### **VIDEO RECORDING**

8:00 am services are recorded and published on YouTube. Note that parishioners will not generally appear in the recording unless seated in the front rows of the sanctuary. You can find the services at [www.youtube.com/MountOliveELCA](http://www.youtube.com/MountOliveELCA).



### **REFRESHMENTS**

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the 8:00 am Sunday service.



### **MOUNT OLIVE STAFF**

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## PRELUDE

"Christ is Alive"

Mount Olive Brass, Glory Bells

**GATHERING***Silence is kept for reflection.***RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION** *(Please stand.)*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You, O God, are our strength and our song;

**C: you have become our victory.**

P: We shall not die but live,

**C: and proclaim what you have done.**

P: Open the gates of justice;

**C: we will enter them and praise you.**

P: This is the day God has made;

**C: let us celebrate with joy!****PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Easter Medley"

Arr. by Travis Beck

*Introduction – Brass & Organ***"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!

Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Interlude***"Praise the Almighty"**

Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring.

Let the amen sound from God's people again, gladly forever adoring!

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Words © 2001 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission under ONE LICENSE #A-727717. All rights reserved.*Interlude***"Christ has Arisen, Alleluia! "**

Christ has arisen, alleluia! Rejoice and praise him, alleluia!

For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy

Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

"Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia!" Words & music © 1977 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission under ONE LICENSE #A-727717. All rights reserved.*Interlude***"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"**

Weeping be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory, alleluia!

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### “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is ris’n today! Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia!  
Sing, O heav’ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The kindness of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.  
C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"With a Voice of Singing"

Mount Olive Choir

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
C: **Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to follow their example, embracing the mystery of the resurrection and living our lives with wonder and hope, through Christ our Way, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

Easter Sunday

#### FIRST READING

Colossians 3:1-4, pew Bible page 957

L: Word of God, Word of Life.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 150

“Hallelujah”

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



Come praise our God with flute and harp Hal - le - lu - jah!  
Come praise our God with voice and dance Hal - le - lu - jah!  
We praise our God with all we are Hal - le - lu - jah!  
Let ev' - ry - thing with breath pro-claim Hal - le - lu - jah!



Pi - a - no, drums and loud gui - tars Hal - le - lu - jah!  
for all God's great and might - y acts Hal - le - lu - jah!  
with bod - y, mind and will and heart Hal - le - lu - jah!  
the One who draws our high - est praise Hal - le - lu - jah!



Hal-le-lu - jah Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah Hal-le-lu - jah!



Hal - le - lu - jah \_\_\_\_\_ Hal - le - lu - jah! \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please stand.*)

"Alleluia!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10, pew Bible page 811

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

Pastor Lisa Janke

*A moment of silence follows the sermon.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please stand.*) "In the Bulb there is a Flower"

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;  
in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty;  
In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
in our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,  
un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.



*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

L: Merciful God.  
C: Hear our prayer.

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.** *(Please share a sign of God’s peace with one another.)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEAL**

**GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS**

*In this season of resurrection, we witness new life sprouting around us regularly: trees budding, flowers poking out from the soil, birds returning. We remember too that our gifts play a part in this resurrection, giving hope and healing to people who need our support. Thank you for being a part of this resurrection work!*

**OFFERTORY**

“Holy Now” by Peter Mayer

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *(Please stand.)* “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW #182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray:  
C: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with this meal, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**



## THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and everywhere...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Today, you're invited to address God in this prayer of Jesus using Mystery or any other image you prefer.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

**C: Our *Mystery*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord. All are welcome here.

*Please be seated.*

*All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. As you come forward, please cup your hands to receive bread. You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Gluten free bread or wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server. Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.*



**AGNUS DEI**

**“Lamb of God”**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”**

**ELW #380**



- 1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
- 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
- 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
- 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
- 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,  
Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,  
joined to Christ, your liv-ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no-bler song, cher-u-bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
Let your cho-rus swell the strain which our fee-bler voic-es raise:



bright fore-run-ner to the skies of his peo-ple, yet to rise.  
lives for-ev-er to be-stow bless-ings on his church be-low.  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic-tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic-tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o-bey.  
Glo-ry to our God a-bove and on earth his peace and love!



## “That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright”

ELW #384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand.)*

P: May this meal strengthen you and hold you in love and grace.

C: Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

L: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign,  $\dagger$  Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing.”

ELW #389

Vs. 1, 3-5

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| <p>1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.<br/>         The cross stands empty to the sky.<br/>         Let streets and homes with praises ring.<br/>         Love, drowned in death, shall never die.</p> | <p>4 Women and men, in age and youth,<br/>         can feel the Spirit, hear the call,<br/>         and find the way, the life, the truth,<br/>         revealed in Jesus, freed for all.</p>    |
| <p>3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,<br/>         where color, scorn, or wealth divide,<br/>         Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,<br/>         and lives, where even hope has died.</p>       | <p>5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring<br/>         good news to this and every age,<br/>         till earth and sky and ocean ring<br/>         with joy, with justice, love, and praise.</p> |

## DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter”

James Biery

Worship Participants	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:30 am
Preaching	Rev. Lisa Janke	
Presiding Minister	Rev. Byron Meline	
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck	
Psalmist	Richard Bruxvoort Colligan	
Assisting Minister	Donna Miller	Bob Thomsen
Lector	Rob Nelson	Connie Mudore
Greeters	Helen Russell	Paula Roberts
Ushers	Terry & Carrie Krieger	Mark Schwartz, Dave Mickelson
Communion Assistants	Helen Russell, Helen Swanson	Paula Roberts, Julia Hooke
Acolytes	Kinsley McLaren	Emily Mannix
Altar Guild	Pam Wright	Michelle Thomsen
Live Stream Video	Curt Britson	
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson	

### Seasonal Devotions Available

Daily devotion books for April-June are available to pick up on the Welcome Desk. If you would like to receive one by mail, please contact Nancy in the church office.

### Accessibility in Worship

Mount Olive has recently installed **Auracast Broadcast Audio**. Some hearing aids newer than 2024 have built-in ability to use Auracast with their hearing aid app. We also have hand-held receivers with earbuds available at the Welcome Desk.

### Next Sunday's Readings:

#### **Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

*Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David*

#### **Psalm 16**

*In your presence there is fullness of joy.*

#### **1 Peter 1:3-9**

*New birth to a living hope through the resurrection*

#### **John 20:19-31**

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

## Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- Our Homebound Members
- Mount Olive members and friends who are grieving, ill, or recovering. For family members holding vigil with those in the sacred process of dying, and for those supporting those in recovery.
- Our companions in ministry in Bogota, Colombia and Kijota, Tanzania, who celebrate the risen Christ as we do.
- Our nation, that we might find solidarity in our shared humanity, and strive for justice and dignity for all.
- Our state, that we might continue to witness bravely as we support and advocate for one another.
- Communities continuing the struggle to end gun violence in our nation. Give all elected leaders the courage to seek solutions for peace.
- All people enduring the horrors of war, especially the people of Ukraine and Sudan, the people of Gaza, and the people of Iran.
- All those suffering the effects of flood or fire, hurricane or drought due to climate change. Give all people the resolve to do what we can to reverse this trend and protect those most vulnerable.



### Easter Offerings Benefit Mission Partners

This year, Easter offerings will support individuals and families in our community who are experiencing housing insecurity. Donations will be shared between Family Promise Rochester and the Landing MN. When families



participate in the Family Promise shelter program, their basic needs are met so they can focus on meeting their goals and saving their money. Through their Day Center and mobile outreach, The Landing MN offers social services that help build trust, give hope, and support steps toward stability for those experiencing homelessness.

### Sunday Forum Returns April 12

There is no forum on Easter, but Sunday Forum time, at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall will return next Sunday, April 12. Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), sometimes known as "the cranberry book," was first published in 2006, replacing Lutheran Book of Worship ("the green book"), which was nearly thirty years old at the time. Now twenty years old, ELW has provided congregations with more freedom, flexibility, and materials for worship and prayer than ever before. In this forum, we'll explore the amazing resources in our own hymnal, from old favorites to hidden gems. Travis Beck will lead this forum.



### The World is about to Turn: Rhythm of Constant Transformation



Guest Speakers:  
Meta Herrick Carlson  
Steph Smith

Women's Spring Retreat  
Mount Olive Fellowship Hall  
April 18, 2026, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### Women's Spring Retreat

All women of Mount Olive are invited to step away for a time set apart for a true retreat, created with intention, gentleness, and space to simply be. On Saturday, **April 18**, 9:00 am-3:00 pm in the Mount Olive Fellowship Hall, this year's retreat offers a time to pause from responsibilities, routines, and the constant pull of daily life. With the help of our talented presenters, Meta Herrick Carlson and Steph Smith, we hope to create a space where rest feels possible, reflection comes naturally, and connection unfolds. We'll explore how God is continually at work by turning the world, and our hearts, toward something new. You deserve this time! Breakfast snacks, a catered taco buffet lunch, and beverages throughout the day will be provided. Registration forms, found on the table in the church entry are due by **April 7**. Contact Paula Roberts - [roberts64paula@gmail.com](mailto:roberts64paula@gmail.com) with questions.

# Welcome to Mount Olive!



We hope your worship experience with us is uplifting and a blessing to you today.

If you are a **visitor** to Mount Olive you can fill out a **Connection Card** from the pew rack indicating if you are interested in learning more about at Mount Olive: receiving our monthly newsletter, weekly email news, membership or if you have a prayer concern or other comment to share.

Stop by the Welcome Desk in the front hallway following the service if you have any questions about our church or if you would like more information about any upcoming events. Mount Olive **members**, please use a **Connection Card** if you would like to share prayer concerns, comments, or change contact info. **All are welcome to join us for a fellowship time between services today with cinnamon rolls and other breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice being served. Please come and enjoy the celebration of the resurrection!**

## Thank you to the following people for providing flowers to beautify the sanctuary this Easter:

Jene and Keith Bodensteiner	Pastor Lisa Janke	The Pasch Family
Bill and Sandy Dalquist	David and Carole Joyce	Paula Roberts
Kerry and Wendy Dennison	Terry and Carrie Krieger	Shelly Sellnow
Ann Discher	Carolyn Lack	Jim and Darlene Vowels
Keith and Cathy Hanson	The Lashinski Family	Steve and Sherry Will
The Hooke Family	Rob and Darlene Nelson	

In Honor of Amy Determan in gratitude for her time and organization with the Call Committee.

Rob and Darlene Nelson - in memory of their son, Stephen Mackellar

In memory of Josh Reed given by Susan, Sarah, and Paige, his mother, sister, and daughter

Helen Russell - in memory of her grandson, Dylan Russell

Sarabeth Watson - in memory of husband, Roger Watson and parents, Robert and Arlene Hoffman

*(You may take the flowers you ordered after the 10:30 am worship service.)*



**A special thank you to all of the musicians, altar guild members, Vigil participants, and worship and fellowship volunteers for helping to make Holy Week services meaningful and welcoming! You are appreciated!**

## New Member Orientation

Between services on Sunday, April 19, anyone who has expressed interest in membership at Mount Olive will have a chance to meet staff and Church Council members at a brief meeting in the library at 9:15 am. If you have been attending and aren't yet sure about membership, this meeting is also for you! You can ask questions, learn more about Mount Olive, and consider joining the congregation on New Member Sunday, May 3. A reception will follow that service. Please contact Nancy Britson with questions - [nancy@molive.org](mailto:nancy@molive.org).

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