



# Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that worship 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.

An elevator to the lower and street levels can be found at the northwest corner of the education wing. Restrooms are located on the main floor and lower level. Turn right as you exit the narthex, then turn left. Restrooms are at the end of the hall, next to the elevator. Please ask an usher if you need assistance!

**Mount Olive is equipped with a hearing assist loop.** If you use a hearing aid equipped with a T-Coil, switch your device to T-Coil to access. If your aid does not have that option, small headsets are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Helps for following the liturgy:** Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are in the front portion of the hymnal at the bottom left and right corners of the page. Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” are in the back portion of the hymnal in the upper left and right corners of the page. Note that the psalms are numbered as hymns 1-150.

**Hymns 901-1100** are found in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, and are indicated as “ACS HYMN ...”

## Focus on the Season: The Nativity of Our Lord

On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. John’s Gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth: the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot understand it. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the meal around the holy table. We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.

# The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021 † 10:00 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE      A Suite of Trumpet Voluntaries      Maurice Greene, William Boyce  
*Largo, Andante*

INTROIT      “The Glory of the Father”      Egil Hovland

*The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; we beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.*

*In him was life and the life was the light of all. He came to his own, and his own received him not.*

*The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; we have seen the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*- Adapted from John 1*

AT THE PROCESSION      (*standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave*)

“All My Heart Again Rejoices”      HYMN 273

*Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.*

## THE 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.**

## GLORIA

“Angels We Have Heard on High”      *The refrain is sung in harmony.*      HYMN 289

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

(seated)

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

HYMN 291

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

GRADUAL HYMN

*(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*

“Joy to the World”

HYMN 267

*Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.*

*Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

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

*Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.*

SERMON

**Grace Is Here and Now**

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

*Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Once Grace and Love Did Come to Dwell”

*(standing)*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(kneeling)*

Response: **☩ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

*(standing)*

*You are invited to share the peace with one another. Please consider bowing to each other as a sign of God’s presence and an offering of Christ’s peace, a long-standing practice at Mount Olive and in the greater Church.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

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## AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

“How Far Is It to Bethlehem?”

arr. David Cherwien

*How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far. Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?*

*Can we see the little Child? Is he within? If we lift the wooden latch may we go in?*

*May we stroke the creatures there: ox, ass, or sheep? May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?*

*If we touch his tiny hand will he awake? Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?*

*Great kings have precious gifts and we have naught. Little smiles and little tears are all we brought.*

*For all weary children Mary must weep. Here, on his bed of straw sleep, children, sleep.*

*God in his mother's arms, babes in the byre, sleep, as they sleep who find their heart's desire.*

## OFFERTORY

(standing)

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

HYMN 294

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy Lord...”

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Eucharistic Prayer (Hippolytus, 3<sup>rd</sup> c.)

Response: ☩ Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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“Our Father in heaven...”

## AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

*All are welcome to God's Table of grace. 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.*

**Please keep your mask on until you are ready to eat or drink, and put it back on right away.**

*If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.*

“Lamb of God”

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“What Feast of Love”

HYMN 487

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

ACS HYMN 909

*After all have communed:*

COMMUNION BLESSING

*(standing)*

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen**

## *The Liturgy of Sending*

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SOLEMN BENEDICTION

**P** Coming to us as fully human, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled the earth with God's glory. The God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness.

**☩ Amen.**

**P** God sent angels to the shepherds to herald the great joy of our Savior's birth. God fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel.

**☩ Amen.**

**P** When the Word became human, earth was joined to heaven. God give you peace and goodwill, and fellowship with the heavenly host.

**☩ Amen.**

**P** The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

**A** Glory to God in the highest,

**☩ And peace to God's people on earth!**

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news!

**☩ Thanks be to God!**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Andrea Bonneville
<b>* Organist</b>	Interim Cantor Dietrich Jessen
<b>Sacristan</b>	Al Bipes
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	David Anderson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Paul Odlaug
<b>Trumpets</b>	Laura Thelander & Arthur Murray
<b>Lector</b>	Sherry Nelson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Patsy Holtmeier, John Meyer
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Browender, Hanna Crippen, Carol Austermann
<b>Bell Tree</b>	Eric Zander
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bonnie McLellan

*\* Cantor David Cherwien is on sabbatical leave until March 1, 2022.*



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Vicar – Andrea Bonneville

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# Once Grace and Love Did Come to Dwell

Stanza 1 - All

Stanza 2 - High Voices, All at Refrain

Stanza 3 - Low Voices, all at Refrain

Stanza 4 - All



1 Once Grace and Love did come to dwell: the self-less ser-vant Christ.  
2 The way was love, the gift is hope, and kin-ship for all days,  
3 Un - bound-ed grace have all re - ceived, true po - wer from a - bove,  
4 So at the cross-roads faith-ful stand, re-pond-ing with one aim:



In hum - ble na - ture Christ was clothed, whose path was sac - ri - fice.  
Christ's call is to the long - ing heart, and of - fers grace on grace.  
to shape our lives as ser - vant lives and clothe us all with love.  
that ev - 'ry act flow from this grace and praise God's gra - cious name.

*Refrain*



By grace, by grace, un-bound-ed grace, our striv - ing lives are stilled. By



love, by love, un-bound-ed love, our long - ing hearts are filled.

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