Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022 + 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota
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: Third Sunday of Advent, year A

Joyful expectation marks today’s worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Jesus points to signs of God’s reign: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear. We wait with patience for Christ’s coming, even as we rejoice at Christ’s presence among us this day: in Word and Supper, in the Church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love.
The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE
(8:00) “Once He Came in Blessing” settings by Jonathan Kohrs, Michael Burkhardt
(10:45) “Es ist ein Ros” Johannes Brahms

AT THE PROCESSION
(Standing to face the cross at the sound of the bell)

P The Spirit and the / Church cry out:
C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.

P All those who await his ap-/pearance pray:
C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole cre-/ation pleads:
C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.

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GREETING
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

HYMN
“Hark, the Glad Sound!”
Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.

HYMN 239

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.
FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10
Response: ☘️ Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 146:5-10
At 10:45, an antiphon will be sung by the choir at the beginning and after verses 8 and 10.
The verses are sung by all, using the following tone:

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10
Response: ☘️ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
“Alléluia”

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11
Response after the announcement: ☘️ Glory to you, O Lord.
Response after the conclusion: ☘️ Praise to you, O Christ.
The Alleluia is sung again following the reading.
Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON
What Are You Seeking? Vicar Mollie Hamre
Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY
“Each Winter As the Year Grows Older”
Stanza 1 – All Stanza 4 – Treble voices
Stanza 2 – Low voices Stanza 5 – All
Stanza 3 – All

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
(standing)
Response: 🕉 hear our prayer.

PEACE
You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

(10:45) AT THE OFFERING
“He Came Down” Cameroon traditional

He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.
He came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.
He came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.
He came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

OFFERTORY
“Sweet Coming”

Sweet coming for which we long: soft coming of star-voiced Child; still
coming in fragrant meal; swift coming for wondrous meal. Sure
coming, both hope and trial; soon coming, our wistful song.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Response: 🕉 Amen.
GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sanctus: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

HYMN 190

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, the Beginning . . . the Lord’s death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore . . . in righteousness and peace.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send your Holy Spirit on us . . . justice and joy of your Son.


P To you, O God, . . . holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord’s Prayer chanted by all on a single tone page 201

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.

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

HYMN 199

HYMN 256
(10:45) “Go and Tell John”
Lloyd Pfautsch

Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the blind recover their sight.
Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the lame are able to walk.
Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the sick regain their health.
Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the dead are raised to life.
Happy is the one who comes to me, happy is the one who believes in me for they shall see God.

“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”
HYMN 242

Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at “music to heal…”
Stanza 3 – Treble voices; All at “Then shall the mute…”
Stanza 4 – All

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING
(response: C Amen.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
(response: C Amen.)

The Liturgy of Sending

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS
The Sacrament of our Lord’s Body and Blood may be sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.

P We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that our sisters and brothers may also share in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

C We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

BLESSING (standing) Response: C Amen.

DISMISSAL
P Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:
(8:00) “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” setting by Franklin D. Ashdown
(10:45) Improvisation on “Fling Wide the Door”
### Worship Leaders

**Presiding Minister**  
Pastor Joseph Crippen

**Preacher**  
Vicar Mollie Hamre

**Organists**  
(8:00) Joyce Brown,  
(10:45) Cantor David Cherwien

**Sacristan**  
Adam Krueger

**Assisting Minister**  
Kat Campbell Johnson

**Eucharistic Minister**  
Vicar Mollie Hamre

**Communion Ministers**  
Larry Duncan, Bob Lee

**Live Stream**  
Reid Peterson

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<td>Al Bipes, Tim Sneer</td>
<td>Kandi Jo Nelson</td>
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<td>Cynthia Prosek</td>
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<td>Amy Thompson, Consuelo Crosby</td>
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### Worship Leaders for Next Sunday, December 18

**Presiding Minister & Preacher**  
Pastor Joseph Crippen

**Organist**  
Cantor David Cherwien

**Sacristan**  
Brad Nelson

**Assisting Minister**  
Vicar Mollie Hamre

**Eucharistic Minister**  
Wes Huisinga

**Communion Ministers**  
Al Bipes, Don Luther, Rob Ruff

**Live Stream**  
Eric Manuel

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**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Cathy Bosworth; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel, family of Joel Crandall & Angel Scott; Mary Dodgson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Brad Holt; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; George Oelfke; Jerry Osthund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenkel; David Tabis; Brenda Turner; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Gerry Coleman, friend of Jim Bargmann; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Marilyn Volker, sister of Allen Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Jon Jrocki, friend of David Engen; Yvonne McCool, sister of Victor Gebauer; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Philip, husband of Bjorn Gustafson; David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., father and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Cat Robinette, friend of Emily Hellerich; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Steve Horsfield, friend of Mount Olive; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Michael Utthe and Marcy Reaves, friends of Mary Rose Kaliher; Louis Krohnfeldt, former member of Mount Olive; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson and Harper Linquist, relatives of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meuret; John Lee Molbert, father of Chandler Molbert; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Sandy Nelson, daughter of Rhoda Nelson and sister of Sherry Nelson; Tim Gaudineer, brother-in-law of George & Marlys Oelfke; Vince DeLusia and Chris Hoff, friend and cousin of Cynthia Prosek; Jennie Kobylinkski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Jolie Melana Meshbesher, friend of Robin Rayfield; John Seboldt and Carol Schulz, brother and sister-in-law of Gayle & Kevin Schulz; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Greta Sterner, daughter of Martha Sterner and sister of Kate Sterner; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Carol Anne Wall, wife of John Wall; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Ricky Evans, Pat Faunce, Conrad Kunz, friends of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, friend of Mount Olive.

- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Lynn Ruff, Nan Wilson, Marcia Burow, Lisa Ruff, James P. Berka, Kevin Vasquez, Reid Peterson, and Cletius Puhrmann.

- **For those in hospice care:** Lillian Olson; Carolyn Mowery.

- **At the death of:** Dennis Bidwell.

- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

  *The commemorations are listed on page 12 of worship folder.*
This Week at Mount Olive

**Sunday, December 11** — *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and fellowship

9:30 am Education Hour for all ages; Gifts That Give Sale

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, *(also streamed online)*, followed by coffee and fellowship

**Monday, December 12**

12:30 am Funeral Visitation

2:00 pm **Funeral Eucharist: Dennis Bidwell**

5:30 pm Family Music Time

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

**Tuesday, December 13** — *St. Lucy, martyr, died 304*

Noon Bible Study *(in person and online)*

**Wednesday, December 14** — *St. John of the Cross*

10:00 am Staff meeting

5:30 pm Children’s Choir supper

6:00 pm Children’s Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm **Midweek Advent Vespers**

7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal

**Thursday, December 15**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, December 16**

7:00 pm Recovery Group

**Sunday, December 18** — *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and fellowship

9:30 am Education Hour for all ages; Gifts That Give Sale

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism** *(also streamed online)*, followed by coffee and fellowship

12:30 pm **Y1 Confirmation**
The Commemorations

December 13: St. Lucy, martyr, died 304 - Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

December 14: St. John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591 - John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Larry Duncan in celebration of all December birthdays.

Adult Forum: 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge

Today: “Martin Luther’s Not-So-Sentimental Christmas,” presented by Mark Tranvik, Professor of Reformation History and Theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul.