Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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: Fourth Sunday of Advent, year A

In Word and Sacrament we are not only reminded of God’s promises, we also encounter the very presence of Jesus Christ. The liturgy of Advent, following the witness of Scripture, names Jesus Emmanuel, “God with us.” God comes to us in ordinary ways, offering extraordinary gifts: new life in Baptism, gracious words to guide us on life’s path, welcome food for the journey of faith. God is with us now!
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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE “Nun komm der Heiden Heiland” J. S. Bach

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 appearance pray:
C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole creation pleads:
C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.

KYRIE

C: Kyrie e-leison.

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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.

HYMN
“Savior of the Nations, Come”  
Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – All, in harmony
Stanza 3 – Treble voices
Stanza 4 – All, in harmony
Stanza 5 – Low voices
Stanza 6 – All
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

Response: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

The verses are sung by all, using the following tone:

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

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

Do You Want God With You? Pastor Joseph Crippen

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Unexpected and Mysterious”

HYMN 258
NICENE CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Response: hear our prayer.

(10:45) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
+ Joa Lin Scott +

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

(10:45) AT THE OFFERING
“Bogoroditse devo” Sergei Rachmaninoff
Rejoice, virgin mother of God, Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

OFFERTORY
“Sweet Coming”

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response:  C  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”  HYMN 199

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”  ACS HYMN 901

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

“People, Look East”  HYMN 248

Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at “People, look east and sing today…”
Stanza 3 – Treble voices; All at “People, look east and sing today…”
Stanza 4 – All

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  HYMN 254

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING  (standing)
Response: ☩ Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Response: ☩ Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

(10:45) FAREWELL AND GODSPEED: Pastor Joseph Crippen (sabbatical)

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.

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.

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

BLESSING  Response: ☩ Amen.

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

POSTLUDE: “Savior of the Nations, Come”  Paul O. Manz
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#### 8:00

- **Acolytes**: Tom Olsen, Kat Campbell Johnson
- **Lectors**: David Hellerich
- **Ushers**: John Bjork, Michael Lansing

#### 10:45

- **Acolytes**: Jan Harbaugh, John Meyer
- **Lectors**: Amy Thompson
- **Ushers**: Sue Browender, Chuck Reyer, Andrew Andersen

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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 Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; David Tabis; Brenda Turner; John Wall; 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 Kaeemmer, 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 Uthe and Marcy Reaves, friends of Mary Rose Kaliher; Louis Krohnfeldt, former member of Mount Olive; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brad Krider, friend of Rachel Meurett; 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 Kobylnski, 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 & Ken 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 and Rachel Wall, wife and daughter 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: James E. Berka and Timothy Lindholm.

For those in hospice care: Carolyn Mowery.

We remember the saints who have gone before us:

December 20: Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552 - Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.
This Week at Mount Olive

**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 YI Confirmation

**Monday, December 19**
5:30 pm Family Music Time

**Tuesday, December 20** – _Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church_
Noon Bible Study (in person and online)
6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministry Committee meeting
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal with strings (**Note change of rehearsal day**)

**Wednesday, December 21**
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**

**Thursday, December 22**
6:30 pm Feminine Divine Study Group
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, December 23**
7:00 pm Recovery Group

**Saturday, December 24**: _Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve_
4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Eucharist**
9:30 pm **Christmas Eve Choral Prelude**
10:00 pm **Christmas Eve Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 25**: _Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day_
10:00 am **Christmas Day Eucharist** (one liturgy this day)
Baptized at the second liturgy this morning is Joa Lin Scott, daughter of Anna and Josh Scott.
Her sponsor is Camille Park.
Welcome, Joa!

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

**Today:** “What Do You Know?, hosted by Vicar Mollie Hamre and David Engen.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 25:** No Forum on Christmas Day.