



# The Nativity of Our Lord

## Christmas Day

December 25, 2022 + 10:00 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!

A time of refreshment and conversation follows each Sunday morning liturgy. All are cordially invited.

**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...” in caps 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.

## *Focus on the Season: Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day*

On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ Jesus our Savior. 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

Sunday, December 25, 2022 ✝ 10:00 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE "My Spirit Rejoices" J. S. Bach

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.*

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

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" HYMN 295

*Stanzas 1, 2, 3 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Organ*

*Stanza 5 – All*

## 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" HYMN 289

*The refrain is sung in harmony.*

## 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

“Joy to the World” (*paraphrase of today’s Psalm, 98*) HYMN 267

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

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

“Let Our Gladness Have No End” HYMN 291

*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

Vicar Mollie Hamre

*Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“Love Has Come”

HYMN 292

*Stanza 1 – Treble voices; All at “Love! Love! Born unto you...”*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at “Love! Love! Love is the name...”*

*Stanza 3 – All*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **☩ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

(standing)

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

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

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## AT THE OFFERING

### “Nativity Carol”

(seated)

John Rutter

*Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago  
Born 'neath light of star, he who loved us so.*

*Refrain: Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay  
For Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day*

*Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby,  
Over her son so dear, Angel hosts fill the sky. Refrain*

*Love in that stable was born, into our hearts to flow  
Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to know. Refrain*

## OFFERTORY

### “In the Bleak Midwinter”

(standing)

HYMN 294

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. C And al-so 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 God thanks and praise.

## Sanctus

### “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

HYMN 192

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

Response: **☩ Amen.**

“Our Father in heaven...” *(chanted by all)*

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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

HYMN 288

“Away in a Manger”

HYMNS 277, 278

*Stanza 1 – HYMN 278, All in unison*

*Stanza 2 – HYMN 277, All in harmony*

*Stanza 3 – HYMN 278, All in unison*

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

HYMN 290

*Refrain – All*

*Verses – All, in harmony (slower)*

*After all have communed:*

COMMUNION BLESSING

*(standing)*

*Response: ☩ Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Response: ☩ Amen*

## *The Liturgy of Sending*

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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.**

## SOLEMN BENEDICTION

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

**C 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.

**C Amen**

**P** When God's Word took on human flesh, earth was joined to heaven. God give you peace and goodwill, and fellowship with the heavenly host.

**C Amen**

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

**C Amen**

## DISMISSAL

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

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

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

**C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"The Heavens Are Telling the Glory of God"

Benedetto Marcello

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Mollie Hamre
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor David Cherwien
<b>Sacristan</b>	Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kat Campbell Johnson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Wes Huisinga
<b>Trumpets</b>	Laura Thelander & Arthur Murray
<b>Lector</b>	Jim Bargmann
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicholas Johnson, Amy Thompson
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Allen Dundek, Warren Peterson, Walt & Judy Hinck
<b>Ushers</b>	Rebekah & Harrison Wold-Defries, Michael Lansing
<b>Bell Tree</b>	Eric Zander, Al Bipes
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Harbaugh, Mary Crippen

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## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

<b>* Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	The Rev. Arthur Halbardier
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor David Cherwien
<b>Sacristan</b>	Adam Krueger
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	David Anderson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Al Bipes
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Vicar Mollie Hamre
<b>Trumpets</b>	Laura Thelander & Arthur Murray
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Hinck
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lora Dundek, Kandi Jo Nelson, Robin Rayfield
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Andrew Andersen, Al Bipes, Allen Dundek
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Jacobs, Jerry Duncan, Sue Browender
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede, Bonnie McLellan
<b>Livestream</b>	Carolyn Hellerich

*\* Pastor Crippen is on sabbatical until April 1, 2023*



## 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 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 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 Kobylinski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, 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:** Allen Dundek, Mary Lee, Carolyn Hellerich, Lynda Pearson, Janet Crosby, Mark Dicke, Joyce Larson, Louise Lystig Fritchie, Elizabeth Hering, Nathan Bargmann, and Janet Meeks.
- **For those in hospice care:** Carolyn Mowery.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
*The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.*

# This Week at Mount Olive

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\* **Please Note:** Church staff is out of the office for much of this week.

**Today, December 25** – *Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day*

**10:00 am**      ***Christmas Day Eucharist*** (one liturgy this day)

**Monday, December 26** – *St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr*

**Tuesday, December 27** – *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
No Bible Study this day

**Wednesday, December 28** – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

**Thursday, December 29**

7:00 pm      Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, December 30**

7:00 pm      Recovery Group

**Sunday, January 1, 2023** – *The Name of Jesus*

**10:00 am**      ***Holy Eucharist*** (one liturgy this day)

## ***The Commemorations***

**December 26:** *St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr* - Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

**December 27:** *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist* - The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

**December 28:** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs* - This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

# *Christmas and Epiphany Worship at Mount Olive*

**The Name of Jesus: Sunday, January 1, 2023**

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord: Friday, January 6, 2023**

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

**The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 8, 2023**

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.



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