



# 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 Presentation of Our Lord

Forty days after the birth of Christ we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. The prophet Anna began to speak of the redemption of Israel when she saw the young child. Simeon also greeted Mary and Joseph. He responded to the presence of the consolation of Israel in this child with the words of the *Nunc dimittis*. His song described Jesus as a “light for the nations.”

Because of the link between Jesus as the light for the nations, the day is also celebrated as Candlemas, a day when candles are blessed for the coming year.

# The Presentation of Our Lord


Thursday, February 2, 2023 † 7:00 p.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy and Blessing of Candles

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*The assembly gathers in the Chapel Lounge.*

### GREETING

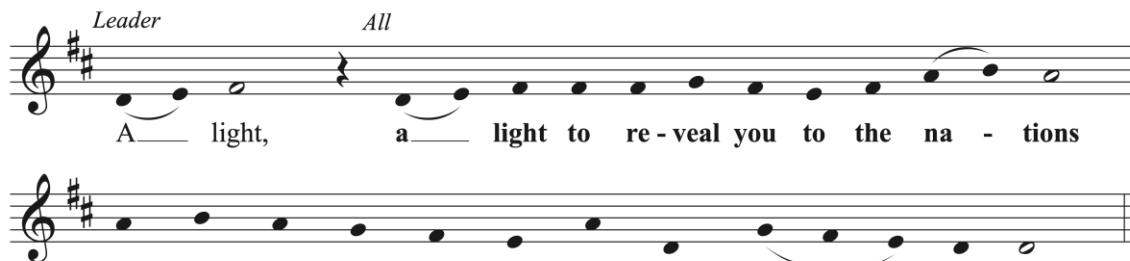


P: Light and peace in Je- sus Christ our Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

### THE SONG OF SIMEON

*The candles are lighted.*

#### Refrain:



*Leader* A\_\_\_ light, *All* a\_\_\_ light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - - - ra - el.

*Leader:* Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

**All:** Refrain

*Leader:* My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

**All:** Refrain

*Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.*

**All: Refrain**

### PRAYERS OF BLESSING

*The people's candles are blessed.*

☐ Let us pray. Gracious God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to that Light that shines forever, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

☑ **Amen**

*The candles to be used for this year are blessed.*

☐ Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who brought light into the night of chaos at creation: pour the grace of your blessing upon these candles which will bring light to our worship, that, as they shed their outward light abroad, so by your goodness the inward light of the Holy Spirit may never be lacking in our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

### AT THE PROCESSION

Psalm 84

*The verses of the psalm are sung by the soloist. The refrain is sung by all.*

Leader: A light, All: a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

### 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**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*The congregation's candles are extinguished.*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

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FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

*(seated)*

Response: **C Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

Response: **C Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

*(standing)*

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

HYMN 417

*Before the reading:*

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Treble voices*

*After the reading:*

*Stanza 3 – Low voices*

*Stanza 4 – All*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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

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

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

SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Peace Came to Earth”

*(standing)*

HYMN 285

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(kneeling)*

*Response:* ☩ **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

*(standing)*

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal*

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OFFERING

*(seated)*

OFFERTORY

HYMN 296

“What Child Is This”

*(standing as the gifts are brought forward)*

*Stanza 1 – Treble voices; All at “This, this is Christ the king ...*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at “Nail, spear, shall pierce him through ...”*

*Stanza 3 – All*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

☩ Blessed are you, O holy God, . . . the Lord’s death until he comes.

☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☩ Remembering, therefore . . . holy and life-giving light.

☩ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☩ Send now, we pray . . . brilliance of Christ.

☩ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

☩ **Amen**

Lord’s Prayer

“Our Father in heaven...”

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## 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.*

“Lamb of God”

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“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

HYMN 308

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanzas 5, 6 – All*

*Stanza 3 – All*

*After all have communed:*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Now, Lord”

HYMN 201

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen**

## *The Liturgy of Sending*

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### BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen**

### DISMISSAL

**☩** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE:

Improvisation

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**\* Presiding Minister & Preacher:** Interim Pastor Paul E. Hoffman

**Organist:** Cantor David Cherwien

**Sacristan:** Lora Dundek

**Assisting Minister:** Jim Bargmann

**Eucharistic Minister:** Vicar Mollie Hamre

**Crucifer:** Wes Huisinga

**Livestream:** Dan Hellerich

**Audio Mix:** Ken Schulz

**Lector:** Adam Krueger

**Acolytes:** John Meyer, Al Bipes

**Usher:** Robin Rayfield

**Altar Guild:** Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede

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