



The First Sunday of Christmas

December 31, 2023 + 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: First Sunday of Christmas, year B

With Simeon and Anna, the church proclaims that salvation has come to the people of God in Christ Jesus. “The splendor of the Lord is over heaven and earth” – Christ is present in the world for all people in all conditions of life.

The First Sunday of Christmas, year B

Sunday, December 31, 2023 ✦ 10:00 a.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE Noël Suisse Louis-Claude Daquin
AT THE PROCESSION (standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” HYMN 288

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard on High” HYMN 289
Refrain – All, in harmony
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3 (seated)

Response: ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 148

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 6 and 14.



The splen-dor of the LORD is o-ver earth and heav-en.

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



SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

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

“All My Heart Again Rejoices”

HYMN 273

Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.

Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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

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

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

Seeing Salvation

Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

HYMN 417

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at “Alleluia! Alleluia!...”

Stanza 3 – Treble voices; All at “And present us, in your glory...”

Stanza 4 – All

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **C** hear our prayer.

PEACE

(standing)

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING

(seated)

OFFERTORY

“What Child Is This?”

(standing)

HYMN 296

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

HYMN 192

Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy God, Creator of all . . . the Lord's death until he comes.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P Remembering, therefore . . . will be restored in Christ.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P By your Holy Spirit . . . the light of Christ.
C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
P Through Christ all glory, . . . holy Church, both now and forever.
C **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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"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

"Cold December Flies Away" HYMN 299

"Once in Royal David's City" HYMN 269

Stanzas 1 and 3 are sung in harmony.

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(*standing*)

Response: **C** **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" (*The Nunc Dimittis*) HYMN 440

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **C** **Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace. Share the good news!

☩ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Ginny Agresti & Tom Graves, in memory of Dolores Agresti.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan	Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
Assisting Minister	Kat Campbell Johnson
Crucifer	Jan Harbaugh
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / Ken Schulz
Acolytes	Tim Sneer, Amy Thompson
Lector	Brad Holt
Ushers	Dale Kruse, Chuck Reyer, David Anderson
Altar Guild	Bonnie McLellan, Jan Harbaugh
Coffee Hosts	John & Patsy Holtmeier

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

*Presiding Minister & Preacher	The Rev. Rob Ruff
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan	Tom Olsen
Assisting Minister	Tricia Van Ee
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Crucifer	Al Bipes
Livestream / Audio Mix	Eric Manuel / Ken Schulz
(10:45) Choir	Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Robin Rayfield	Consuelo Crosby, Eric Zander
Lectors	Dale Kruse	Faye Howell
Ushers	Lynn Ruff, Greg Murphy	Michael Lansing, Sue Browender, Stephanie Obadiaru
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff Paula Carlson	Candy Husemoller
Coffee Hosts	Adam Krueger	Margaret Bostelmann, Carol Austermann

* Pastor Crippen is on vacation from Jan. 6 through Jan. 20.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Anne Bartz; Elizabeth Beissel; family of Joel Crandall & Angel Scott; Brad & Linda Holt; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Kathy Kruger; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; John Marty; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Renee Ollikain; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; David & Shirley Tabis; Grace Wiechman; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; 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; Crystal Schippling, sister of Lora Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Francis Wergen, known to David Engen; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Cavin Horton, friend of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Gordon Norheim, brother of JoAnn Norheim; Tim Gaudineer, brother-in-law of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jennie Kobylinski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, infant great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, friend of Robin Rayfield; John Seboldt, brother of Gayle Schulz; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Pat McCabe, friend of Melissa Stone; Elaine Thurston, mother of Kathy Thurston; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee Molbert; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss, mother-in-law of John Wall; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Conrad Kunz, friend of Eric Zander (*and Dennis Bidwell*); Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** as she takes a leave of absence, and for Bishop Michael Burk, serving as interim presiding bishop.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Janet Meeks, David Bonk Julie Erlandson, Jack Kruger, JoAnn Norheim, Paul Schadewald, Jason Schlude, Kenneth Schulz, Paul Sundquist, Daniel Wade, Robert Wick, Greg Murphy, Russell Pearson, and Matthew Crosby.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, December 31 – First Sunday of Christmas, year B

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

Monday, January 1, 2024 – Name of Jesus

10:00 pm **Holy Eucharist**

Tuesday, January 2 – Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 am Staff meeting

7:00 pm Y2 Confirmation

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, January 4

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 5

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, January 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord

7:00 pm **Epiphany Eucharist**

Sunday, January 7 – First Sunday of Christmas, year B

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

9:30 am Godly Play and Adult Forum

10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

The Commemorations

January 1: *Name of Jesus* - By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

January 2: *Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church*, died 1872 - A nineteenth-century German Lutheran pastor, Loehe worked to enliven the church with the eucharist at its center, from which would flow evangelism and social ministry. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and the Ukraine.

The Celebration Continues

The Name of Jesus: Monday, January 1, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

The Epiphany of Our Lord: Saturday, January 6, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 7, 2024

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



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