



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 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.

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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 B

With Mary, the church hears these words: Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God. You, the people of God. You, the baptized Christian. In an anxious and uncertain world, you need not be fearful, God is with you. With these words of consolation, we also hear and speak Mary’s response: I am the servant of the Lord, let it be as you will.



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B

December 24, 2023 ✝ 10:00 a.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” 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.

KYRIE

A: Chri - ste e - lei son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

C: Chri - ste e lei - son.

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

C: Ky - ri - e e - lei son.

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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

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

HYMN 263

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – All, in harmony

Stanza 2 – All, in harmony

Stanza 5 – Low voices

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 6 – All

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Luke 1:46b-55, the Magnificat

“My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord”

HYMN 234

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

“Alleluia”

HYMN 168

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Solo: Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

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

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

The Alleluia is sung again following the reading.

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

An Impossible Situation

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Canticle of the Turning”

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Treble voices; All at refrain

Stanza 3 – Low voices; All at refrain

Stanza 4 – All

(standing)

HYMN 723

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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*

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(10:45) “Dixit Maria”

Hans Leo Hassler

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me, according to your word.

OFFERTORY

(standing)

“Sweet Coming”



Sweet com-ing for which we long; soft com-ing of star-voiced Child; still



com-ing in fra - grant meal; swift com-ing for won - drous weal. Sure



com-ing, both hope and trial; soon com-ing, our wist - ful song.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy and gracious God, . . . Christ’s death until he comes.
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** We remember the life . . . justice and peace to all.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send your Holy Spirit . . . and the whole creation.
- C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** To you, O God, . . . holy Church, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

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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”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



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“No Wind at the Window”

ACS HYMN 906

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 4 – All

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

HYMN 272

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – All, in harmony

Stanza 4 – All

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: ☒ Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ☒ 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.

- ☐ 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

A Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **G** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

Fantasia on *Magnificat*

J. S. Bach

Christmas and Epiphany Worship at Mount Olive

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Eucharist at 4:00 p.m.

Choral Prelude at 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Eucharist at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023

Festival Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas, B, Sunday, December 31

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Jan Harbaugh
Communion Ministers	Brad & Linda Holt
Livestream / Audio Mix	Dan Hellerich / David Molvik
Acolytes	Robin Rayfield, Amy Thompson
Lector	John Gidmark
Ushers	David Engen, Allen Heggen, Carol Martinson
Altar Guild	Jan Harbaugh, Bonnie McLellan
Coffee Hour Host	Hosts Needed!

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

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:** Anna Dundek, Mary Lee, Carolyn Hellerich, Lynda Pearson, Janet Crosby, Joyce Larson, Louise Lystig Fritchie, Elizabeth Hering, and Nathan Bargmann.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **At the death of:** Lois Haglund, aunt of Joyce Brown and Linda Pipkorn.
- **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 24 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B; Christmas Eve*

10:00 am ***Holy Eucharist***

4:00 pm ***Christmas Eve Eucharist***

9:30 pm ***Choral Prelude***

10:00 pm ***Christmas Eve Eucharist***

Monday, December 25 – *Christmas Day*

10:00 pm ***Christmas Day Festival Eucharist***

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

Noon Bible Study (on Zoom Only)

Wednesday, December 27 – *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

No Choirs this evening

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

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, December 29

7:00 pm Movie Night

7:00 pm Recovery Group

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

10:00 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation (Please note service time!)

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.