



The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2024 + 7:00 p.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!

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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: The Epiphany of Our Lord

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

The Proclamation of the Moveable Feasts (including the date of Easter) on the feast of Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. Today the proclamation serves as a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Johann Pachelbel

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

“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

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through the One who is the true Light and the bright Morning Star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 60:1-6

(seated)

Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

An antiphon is sung by the choir at the beginning and after verses 7 and 14.

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



SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

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

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



All: Alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Stanza 1 – Women; All in harmony at refrain

Stanza 2 – Men; All in harmony at refrain

Stanza 3 – All

(standing)

HYMN 815

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

A Lord, in your mercy, **C** 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 “There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob” Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a Star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.
How lovely shines the Morning Star with God's own brilliance from afar, aglow with consolation!
Your word, O Lord, brightly shining, truth defining, brings salvation! Praises sing in exultation!*

OFFERTORY

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

HYMN 302

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

GREAT THANKSGIVING



A The LORD be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



A Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



A 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 Blessed are you, O holy God, . . . the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C **Amen**

Lord's Prayer – "Our Father in heaven..." (*chanted by all*)

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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.

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

HYMN 199

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

(*see page 8 of worship folder*)

"The First Noel"

HYMN 300

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Treble voices; All in harmony at the refrain

Stanza 3 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices; All in harmony at the refrain

Stanza 5 – All, in unison

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(*standing*)

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*the Nunc Dimittis*)

"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

HYMN 313

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

The Liturgy of Sending


PROCLAMATION OF DATES OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

Response:  **Amen.**

BLESSING

Response:  **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

 Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

 **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on “O Morning Star”

Paul O. Manz

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister and Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Assisting Minister	Mark Pipkorn
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We Three Kings of Orient Are

Refrain: *All*, in harmony

Stanza 1 – *Low voices*

Stanza 4 – *Treble voices*

Stanza 2 – *Treble voices*

Stanza 5 – *All*

Stanza 3 – *Low voices*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!