



Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ congregation. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that the liturgy 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.

Following the Liturgy

- *Page*: Numbers marked “page ...” are in the front of the cranberry red hymnal in the lower outside corners of the pages.
- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the cranberry red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- *Psalms* are numbered as hymns 1–150.
- *Hymns numbered 901–1100*, marked “ACS HYMN ...,” are in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

Accessibility

- An *elevator* is located at the north entry. Turn right as you exit the nave.
- A large *unisex restroom* is located on the lower level (across the hall from the elevator).
- *Primary restrooms* are located on the main floor near the elevator.
- *Additional parking* is available on Sunday mornings behind the Career Force center at the corner of Chicago Ave. and Lake St.
- *Hearing Assistance*
 - *T-coil* is provided in our nave and other large gathering areas.
 - *Small headsets* are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Focus on the Season: First Sunday of Christmas, C

On the First Sunday of Christmas we meet the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humanity. We, too, are God’s children, set apart through the baptismal waters in which we have been washed. As we end one year and begin another, we pray that God’s likeness in Christ become more visible in us, God’s new offspring, and that the Holy Spirit empower us to grow in wisdom and stature ourselves.

The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2024 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE “Noël des Oiseaux” Louis-Claude Daquin

AT THE PROCESSION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*
“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” HYMN 275

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

“Glory to God in the highest...” page 158

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your Word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 *(seated)*

Response: ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

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



The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*
"Alleluia" page 160

*Verse: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
And let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. — Colossians 3:15, 16*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

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

Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

(standing)
HYMN 736

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 3 – Low voices

Stanza 4 – 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

OFFERING

(seated)

OFFERTORY

(standing)

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelth”

ACS HYMN 909

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 4 – All

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, Creator of all . . . Christ's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore . . . will be restored in Christ.

☩ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P By your Holy Spirit . . . the light of Christ.

☩ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Through Christ all glory, . . . holy Church, both now and forever.

☩ **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.

“Lamb of God”	page 164
“All My Heart Again Rejoices”	HYMN 273
“Cold December Flies Away”	HYMN 299
<i>Stanza 1 — Low voices</i>	
<i>Stanza 2 — Treble voices</i>	
<i>Stanza 3 — All</i>	

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING *(standing)*
 Response: ☩ **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE
 “Now, Lord” (Nunc Dimittis) HYMN 201

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 Response: ☩ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING
 Response: ☩ **Amen.**

DISMISSAL
 ☩ Go in peace. Share the Good News!
 ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: “Noël X” Louis-Claude Daquin

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Joyce Brown,
 in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.*

There is no Adult Forum today.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Arthur Halbardier
Preacher	The Rev. David Engen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Sacristan	Al Bipes
Assisting Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Wick
Crucifer	Wes Huisinga
Livestream / Audio Mix	Eric Manuel / Ken Schulz

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Jan Harbaugh, Robin Rayfield	Consuelo Crosby, Tim Piplorn
Lectors	Alan Wicks	Sue Browender
Ushers	Alan & Kathy Wicks	Andrew Andersen, Brad Nelson, Melissa Stone
Altar Guild	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Bonnie McLellan
Coffee Hosts	Linda & Mark Pipkorn	Jenny Brown Beilke, Patsy Holtmeier

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Judy Hinck
Crucifer	Jan Harbaugh
Livestream	Greg Murphy
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Thomas Fenner & Adam Krueger	Amy Thompson, Rose Thompson
Lectors	Brian Jacobs	George Heider
Ushers	John Bjork, Lisa Nordeen	Sue Browender, David Engen, Carol Martinson
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!	Hosts Needed!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Elizabeth Beissel; Dixie Berg; Irene Campbell; family of Joel Crandall & Angel Scott; Darrell Golnitz; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Paul Nixdorf; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Marlene Sorenson; Andrew Stoebig; Judy Stratton; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Kay Austermann, sister-in-law of Carol Austermann; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Katie Roberts Brown, wife of Andy Brown and daughter-in-law of Jeff & Joyce Brown; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Nicky Iacono, friend of Martin Connell & Greg Terhaar; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; James Williamson, cousin of Lora Dundek; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Berndt Gustafson, father of Bjorn Gustafson; Lois Pera, aunt of Linda Hafemeister; Susan Varpness, mother of former vicar Mollie Hamre; Pari Bailey, friend of Jan Harbaugh; Lorraine Brugh, Chuck Dull, Viji George, and Brian Johnson, friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Barb Heintz, mother of Andy Heintz; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Roger Bradford and Bonnie Beissel, friends of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Cavin Horton, friend of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Martin E. and Harriet Marty, parents of John Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Daniel Nelson and Martha Johnson, son and sister of Rhoda Nelson and brother and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Nancy Pranke, and Linda Penas, sister-in-law and sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Herb Olson, brother of Rod Olson; Art Prosek, uncle of Cynthia Prosek; Jolie Melana Meshbeshier and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Beverly Belua, sister of Rodney Schrank; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss, mother-in-law of John Wall; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Lynda, Conrad Kunz, and Richard Sutherlund, friends and cousin of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Louise Lystig Fritchie, Elizabeth Hering, Nathan Bargmann, David Bonk, Julie Nerheim, Jack Kruger, JoAnn Norheim, Paul Schadewald, Jason Schlude, Paul Sundquist, Daniel Wade, Robert Wick, Greg Murphy, Russell Pearson, and Matthew Crosby.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **At the death of:** Daniel Siess, brother of Jon Siess
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:** *(see pg. 10 of worship folder)*

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Today, December 29 – *First Sunday of Christmas, C*

8:00 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation
NO Education Hour this day

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

Monday, December 30

NO Family Music Time this day

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE [N.A. meeting]

Tuesday, December 31

NO Noon Bible Study this day

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – *The Name of Jesus*

10:00 am ***Holy Eucharist: The Name of Jesus***

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

NO Morning Prayer this day

7:00 pm MIRAC meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 3

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Sunday, January 5 – *Second Sunday of Christmas, C*

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

9:30 am Adult Forum / Youth Conversation / Godly Play

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 Ukraine.

The Celebration Continues

The Name of Jesus: Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

The Epiphany of Our Lord: Monday, January 6, 2025

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 12, 2025

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

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Become a Member

Whether you worship in person or from afar, we invite you to join us as members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Please contact welcome@mountolivechurch.org or evangelism@mountolivechurch.org for additional details.



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