



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 + 8:00 & 10:45 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 (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: *The Third Sunday of Advent, year C*

The presence of God “in your midst” that Zephaniah promises is the joy we experience in the wonder of the Holy Supper. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, that Paul promises, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one “more powerful” than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, who pours the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives is good news – and cause for exultation.

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December 15, 2024 ✝ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" Christoph Weinhand

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 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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

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.

Music: Plainsong, tone 8; fauxbourdon, Janet Hill. © 1980, The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

HYMN 246

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanza 5 – All

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

(seated)

Response: **C Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

PSALMODY: Isaiah 12:2-6 (Ecce Deus) *A brief silence follows the psalm.*

*The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and as indicated by **R**.*




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



Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not ¹ be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,
and has become ¹ my salvation.

With joy you ¹ will draw water
From the wells ¹ of salvation. **R**

And you will say in that day: give thanks to the Lord, call ¹ on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations,
proclaim that God's name ¹ is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, who ¹ has done gloriously;
let this be known in ¹ all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O ¹ royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy ¹ One of Israel. 

SECOND READING: Phillipians 4:4-7

Response:  **Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

(8:00) “Alleluia”

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*Verse: I am sending my messenger before you,
who will prepare your way before you. — Matthew 11:10*

(10:45) “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

HYMN 519

The choir sings the verses.

arr. Robert Hobby

The assembly joins in singing the refrain in English or in Hebrew.

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's Word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear.

They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's Word.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

*Israel comes to greet the Savior, Judah is glad to see the day,
from east and west the people's travel, God will show the way.*


God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

-Hasidic traditional, tr. Willard F. Jabusch, alt.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

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

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

The Acclamation refrain is sung again.

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

The Weary World Rejoices

(seated)

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.

(standing)

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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.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

(10:45) AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, Z. 49

Henry Purcell

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing;

but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

— *Philippians 4:4-7*

OFFERTORY

(standing)

“Sweet Coming for Which We Long”



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.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien
 Music: SWEET COMING, Robert Buckley Farlee

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☑ Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

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

Lord's Prayer *Chanted by all.*

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"Our Father in heaven..."

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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“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;
3 Come, thou Day - break, just - ly ris - ing, night is gone, the day draws near;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
come, thou Dawn of Peace sur - pris - ing all the shades of war and fear.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
An - gels know not, nor we mor - tals, when the day, and what the hour;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.
let us live then, wise and wake - ful, to the dawn - ing of thy pow'r.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, sts. 1–2; Susan Palo Cherwien, st. 3
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“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

HYMN 843

TABLE 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

- ☐ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

"A Joyous Air"

Henry Purcell

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Peter Tressel & Randy Werner, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

No Adult Forum today

Plan to attend the Scandinavian Brunch!

Next Sunday, December 22

Intergenerational Christmas Project:
Preparing gift baskets for residents of Simpson Housing.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Preacher	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Assisting Minister	Beth Gaede
Communion Ministers	Al Bipes, Larry Duncan, Brad & Linda Holt
Livestream / Audio Mix	Donn McLellan / David Molvik
(10:45) Flutist	Elizabeth Spang
(10:45) Choirs	Mount Olive Cantorei Youth Choir; Rebekah Schulz, director

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Jan Harbaugh, Tim Sneer	Eric Manuel, Steve Manuel
Lectors	Dale Kruse	Sarah Stoebig
Ushers	Dale Kruse, Lisa Nordeen	Allen Heggen, Mike Knudson, Carol Martinson
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Candy Husemoller
Coffee Hosts	Scandinavian Brunch (both)	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Jim Bargmann	Jim Bargmann
Assisting Minister	Jan Harbaugh	Jan Harbaugh
Communion Minister	Andrew Andersen	Andrew Andersen
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / David Molvik	Reid Peterson / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei	Mount Olive Cantorei
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Kat Campbell Johnson	Al Bipes, John Meyer
Lectors	Thomas Fenner	Al Bostelmann
Ushers	Alan & Kathy Wicks	Sue Browender, Allen Heggen, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!	Heather Halen & Don Luther

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 Beisell, 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:** Reid Peterson, Cletius Puhmann, James E. Berka, and Timothy Lindholm.
- **Thanksgiving at the birth of a child:** Samuel Rowan Dyson, brother of Joanna and son of Emily and Steve, on December 10, 2024.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **At the death of:** Donald Clay Johnson; Paul Janssen, son of Gene Janssen; Jennie Kobylinski, niece of Kathy Thurston; Shirley Burdick, step-grandmother of Sarah Stoebig.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 14 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Today, December 15 – *Third Sunday of Advent, C*

GIFTS THAT GIVE SALE – FINAL WEEK

- 8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Scandinavian Brunch / Godly Play / Youth Conversation
10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation
12:30 pm Youth & Family cookie baking/decorating

Monday, December 16

- 5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)
7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE [N.A. meeting]

Tuesday, December 17

- Noon Bible Study
6:00 pm Neighborhood Ministry Committee meeting
6:00 pm Feminine Divine Study Group

Wednesday, December 18

- 10:00 am Staff meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir Supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsal
7:00 pm ***Advent Vespers***
7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, December 19

- 9:30 am** ***Morning Prayer***
7:00 pm MIRAC meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, December 20 – *Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church*

- 7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, December 21

Sunday, December 22 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent, C*

- 8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Adult Forum/Godly Play / Youth Conversation
10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

The Commemorations

December 20: *Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552* - Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

Midweek Advent Worship

Vespers

Wednesday evenings, Dec. 4, 11, and 18
7:00 p.m.

All are welcome.

Christmas and Epiphany Worship at Mount Olive

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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: Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Festival Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas, December 29, 2024

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

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.

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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