



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent, year C*

In between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary’s magnificent song of praise for God’s overturning of the world, the letter to the Hebrews today reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ’s advent is for “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” God joins our suffering world in person, in the flesh, for our life and for our hope.

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

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

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

HYMN 263

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanzas 5, 6 – All

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Luke 1:46b-55 (Magnificat) *A brief silence follows the psalm.*

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



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



My soul proclaims the greatness ^l of the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in ^l God, my Savior,
for you, Lord, have ^l looked with favor
on your ^l lowly servant.
From this day all ^l generations
will ^l call me blessed:
you, the Almighty, have done great ^l things for me,
and holy ^l is your name. ☑
You have mercy on ^l those who fear you,
from generation to ^l generation.

You have shown strength ^l with your arm
and scattered the proud in ^l their conceit,
casting down the mighty ^l from their thrones
and lifting ^l up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry ^l with good things
and sent the rich ^l away empty. ☩

You have come to the aid of your servant ^l Israel,
to remember the pro- ^l mise of mercy,
the promise made ^l to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- ^l dren forever. ☩

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)
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“Alleluia”

*Verse: Here I am, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word. – Luke 1:38*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-55

*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

Blessed Ordinary

(seated)

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Unexpected and Mysterious”

(standing)
HYMN 258

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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)

«Богородице Дѣво» from *Всенощное бдѣніе*, op. 37

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Sung in Slavonic

*Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
for you have borne the Savior of our souls.*

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.

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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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"People, Look East"

HYMN 248

Stanza 1 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

Stanza 4 – All, in unison

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

HYMN 257

Stanzas 1, 2 — All

Stanza 5 — Treble voices

Stanza 3 — Treble voices

Stanza 6 — Low voices

Stanza 4 — Low voices

Stanzas 7, 8 — All

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: "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" Johann Pachelbel

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Ted & Amy Thompson, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

No Adult Forum today

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Lora Dundek
Assisting Minister	Jan Harbaugh
Communion Minister	Andrew Andersen
Livestream / Audio Mix	Reid Peterson / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
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	Linda Pipkorn	Heather Halen & Don Luther

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

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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	Hosts Needed!	Jenny Brown Beilke

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; Diane Ericson, friend of Rachel Meurett; 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 Sutherland, friends and cousin of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Allen Dundek, Mary Lee, Carolyn Hellerich, Lynda Pearson, Janet Crosby, and Joyce Larson.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 13 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Today, December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, C

- 8:00 am** **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Godly Play / Simpson Housing Christmas Baskets project
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- NO Noon Bible Study this day
4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Eucharist**
9:30 pm **Choral Prelude**
10:00 pm **Christmas Eve Eucharist**

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 10:00 am** **Christmas Day Festival Eucharist**

Thursday, December 26 – St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

- NO Morning Prayer this day
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 7:00 pm** Recovery Group

Saturday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Sunday, December 29 – First Sunday of Christmas, C

- 8:00 am** **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am No Education Hour this day
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation

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.

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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