



# 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: Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day

On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ Jesus our Savior. John’s Gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth: the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot understand it. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the meal around the holy table. We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.

# The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 ✝ 10:00 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE                      *Largo Andante/Larghetto*                      Maurice Greene, arr. Edward Tarr

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

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”                      HYMN 283

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Treble voices; All at refrain*

*Stanza 3 – All*

*Stanza 4 – All*

### 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

“Angels We Have Heard on High”                      HYMN 289

*The refrain and Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

(seated)

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

“Joy to the World” (*paraphrase of the appointed Psalm, 98*)

HYMN 267

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

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

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

HYMN 291

*Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading of the Gospel.*

*Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading of the Gospel.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

(standing)

HYMN 295

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

*Stanza 3 – 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

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## AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

### *In dulci júbilo*

Traditional, arr. Robert Pearsall

*In dulci júbilo, let us our homage show.  
Our heart's joy reclineth in praesepio,  
and like a bright star shineth, matris in gremio.  
Alpha es et O. Alpha es et O.*

*O Jesu parvule, I yearn for thee alway.  
Here me, I beseech thee, O puer optime.  
My prayer let it reach thee, O princeps gloriae.  
Trahe me post te. Trahe me post te.*

*O Patris caritas, O nati lenitas,  
deeply were we stained per nostra crimina,  
but thou hast for us gained caelorum gaudia.*

*O that we were there! O that we were there!  
Ubi sunt gaudia, where if that they be not there?  
There are angels singing nova cantica.  
There the bells are ringing in Regis curia.  
O that we were there! O that we were there!*

— German, 14th cent.; trans. Robert Pearsall

## OFFERTORY

(standing)

“Love Has Come”

HYMN 292

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer (attributed to Hippolytus, 3<sup>rd</sup> c.)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

“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”

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# “From East to West”

1 From east to west, from shore to shore, let ev - 'ry heart a -  
*treble voices* 2 Be - hold, the world's Cre - a - tor wears the form and fash - ion  
*lower voices* 3 For this how won - drous - ly God wrought! A mai - den, in her  
*all, harmony* 4 She bowed her to the an - gel's word, de - clar - ing what the

wake and sing the Ho - ly Child whom Ma - ry bore, the  
of our frame; our ver - y flesh our Mak - er shares, to  
low - ly place, be - came, in ways be - yond all thought, the  
Fa - ther willed, and sud - den - ly the prom - ised Lord that

Ending for stanzas 1-6      Ending for last stanza

Christ, the ev - er - last - ing King.  
save a fall - en world he came.      7 Ghost, to thee.      A - men.  
cho - sen ves - sel of God's grace.  
pure and hal - lowed tem - ple filled.

*Treble voices*  
5 He shrank not from the oxen's stall,  
he lay within the manger bed,  
and he whose bounty feedeth all  
at Mary's breast himself was fed.

*Lower voices*  
6 And while the angels in the sky  
sang praise above the silent field,  
to shepherds poor the Lord Most High,  
the one great Shepherd, was revealed.

7 All glory for this blessed morn  
to God the Father ever be;  
all praise to thee, O Virgin-born,  
all praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee. Amen.

Text: *A solis ortus cardine*, C. Sedulius, c. 450;  
tr. J. Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.  
Music: *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

CHRISTUM WIR SOLLEN LOBEN SCHON  
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“Let All Together Praise Our God”

HYMN 287

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(standing)

Response to each: **C Amen.**

## The Liturgy of Sending

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### SOLEMN BENEDICTION

**P** Coming to us as fully human, the Son of God scattered the shadows of this world and filled the earth with God’s beauty. The God of infinite goodness scatter the shadows of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness.

**C Amen**

**P** God sent angels to the shepherds to herald the great joy of our Savior’s birth. God fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel.

**C Amen**

**P** When God’s Word took on human flesh, earth was joined to heaven. God give you peace and goodwill, and fellowship with the heavenly host.

**C Amen**

**P** The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C Amen**

### DISMISSAL

**A** Glory to God in the highest,

**C And peace to God’s people on earth!**

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*Vivace*

William Boyce, arr. Edward Tarr

# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Interim Organist</b>	Robert Farlee
<b>Interim Choir Director</b>	Andrew Stoebig
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<b>Choir</b>	Mount Olive Cantorei

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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](mailto:welcome@mountolivechurch.org) or [evangelism@mountolivechurch.org](mailto:evangelism@mountolivechurch.org) for additional details.



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