



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 Second Sunday of Christmas, year C*

Today, in the concluding days of the Christmas season, we reflect more deeply on the significance of the Christ who was born at Bethlehem. Our minds may not be able to comprehend just how Jesus existed with God from the beginning of time, as the first chapter from the Gospel of John proclaims today. What we do know is this: God comes into our presence today through Jesus Christ. Through the scriptures as they are read and preached, through the bread and the wine as it is offered to the baptized, and in our own bodies, voices, lives, the Triune God is made flesh among us.

The Second Sunday of Christmas, year C

January 5, 2025 † 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: "In dulci jubilo" Paul O. Manz

AT THE PROCESSION (Standing to face the cross at the sound of the bell)
"The Bells of Christmas" HYMN 298

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. Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

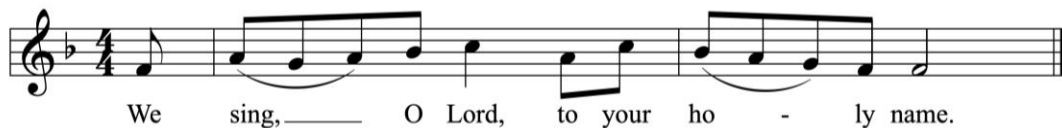
☑ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Sirach 24:1-12 (seated)

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

PSALMODY: Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 *A brief silence follows the psalm.*
The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verses 16, 19, and 21.



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



Holy people and ^l blameless offspring
Wisdom delivered from a nation ^l of oppressors.
She entered the soul of a servant ^l of the Lord
and withstood dread kings with won- ^l ders and signs. **R**
She gave to holy people the reward of their labors;
she guided them along a mar- ^l velous way
and became a shelter to them by day and a starry flame ^l through the night.
She brought them over ^l the Red Sea
and led them ^l through deep waters,
but she ^l drowned their enemies
and cast them up from the depth ^l of the sea. **R**
Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly;
they sang hymns, O Lord, to your ^l holy name
and praised with one accord your de- ^l fending hand,
for wisdom opened the mouths of those ^l who were mute
and made the tongues of in- ^l fants speak clearly. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

Verse: *All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God. — Psalm 98:3*

(standing)
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HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

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

(seated)

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness”

ACS HYMN 1093

Stanza 1 — All

Stanza 3 — Treble voices

Stanza 2 — Low voices

Stanza 4 — All

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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)

We Long to Know Her

Traditional, from *The Christian Lyre*, 1831

*We long to know her, the maker of heaven,
knitter of sinews and planter of grains,
guardian of sheep and the founder of vineyards:
she is the stronghold who gently sustains.
She is the sculptor who carved earth from darkness,
architect building creation from dust.
She is the potter who formed us and made us,
gave us her breath, and now yearns for our trust.*

*We long to hear her, bold thunder of heaven:
voice among voices that summon the soul;
without her presence, there is no completeness;
with her unheard, heaven cannot be whole.
We know her laughter is piercing the cosmos;*

*we know she judges injustice on earth.
Shelter and shield of the hopeless and helpless,
from her we learn of our infinite worth.*

*We long to see you, veiled wonder of heaven:
hidden from view, be revealed in the light.
Open our eyes to your wisdom around us;
author of beauty, enliven our sight.
Heart of the holy and hands of the sacred,
godhead uniting compassion and might:
bearing your likeness, impatient to greet you,
we come to worship in awe and delight!*

—Jacque B. Jones

OFFERTORY

“Love Has Come”

(standing)

HYMN 292

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☩ Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 *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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“What Child Is This”

HYMN 296

“A Radiant Choir Has Pierced the Night”

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TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Now, Lord” (The Nunc Dimittis)

HYMN 201

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. Share the Good News!
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich”

Johann Sebastian Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

* Presiding Minister	The Rev. Beth Gaede
Preacher	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Art Halbardier
Assisting Minister	Judy Hinck
Crucifer	Jan Harbaugh
Communion Minister	Rob Ruff
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

* Pastor Crippen is recovering from COVID. He hopes to be back in the office on Tuesday.

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Jim Bargmann
Assisting Minister	Consuelo Crosby
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
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Lectors	Adam Krueger	Andrew Andersen
Ushers	Irene Campbell, George Ferguson	Carol Austermann, Mike Knudson, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Bonnie McLellan
Coffee Hosts	Dan & Lydia Dahl	Hosts Needed!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Elizabeth Beissel; Dixie Berg; Irene Campbell; 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; 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; 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:** Julia Melang, Margaret Melang, Eric Manuel, and Nels Rivard.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **At the death of:** Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; James Williamson, cousin of Lora Dundek.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
There are no commemorations this week.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Today, January 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas, 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

Monday, January 6 – **The Epiphany of our Lord**

NO Family Music Time this day

7:00 pm **Epiphany Eucharist**

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

Tuesday, January 7

Noon Bible Study

7:00 pm Global Ministry Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 8

10:00 am Staff meeting

5:30 pm Library Committee meeting

5:30 pm Children's Choir supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

7:00 pm Y2 / Y3 Confirmation classes

7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

9:30 am **Morning Prayer**

7:00 pm Vicar Committee meeting

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 10

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, January 11

10:00 am Book Discussion group

Sunday, January 12 – **The Baptism of Our Lord, 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

A Radiant Choir Has Pierced the Night

Stanza 1 — All

Stanza 4 — Treble voices

Stanza 2 — Low voices

Stanza 5 — All

Stanza 3 — All

1 A ra - diant choir has pierced the night,
 2 The trem - bling earth, the trem - bling sky,
 3 Be - hold how God has loved the world
 4 How ut - ter - ly God dis - re - gards
 5 So let us deep - ly take to heart

the dark - ness has been riv - en: God's Word has
 the heav'ns them - selves were shak - en, for God, the
 and all things low and com - mon; the Word is
 the halls of hard and haugh - ty! How ut - ter -
 this won - der up - on won - ders, that we may

en - tered hu - man form con - sort - ing
 God of peace, had come the hu - man
 born in low es - tate our sa - cred -
 ly God o - ver - throws the pow - er -
 make this birth our own and Christ be

earth and heav - en; no tran - sient thought, no fleet - ing
 heart to wak - en; the an - gel host could not re -
 ness to sum - mon. And who, then, is the first to
 ful and loft - y! Be - hold how hum - ble, earth - y
 born with - in us, that all our days we live as

birth— this life sings out to all the earth
 strain their voic - es from a sweet re - frain:
 hear the ho - ly an - gels' song of cheer?
 things be - come the place where glo - ry springs:
 Christ that all may have a - bun - dant life,

that God does dwell a - mong us.
 "To you, to you, glad tid - ings!"
 Poor shep - herds on a hill - side.
 God's peace - a - ble up - ris - ing.
 for God does dwell a - mong us.

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The Celebration Continues

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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Adult Forum

January 5 and 12: “Spiritual Practices and the Ancient Christian Ministry of Spiritual Direction,” a 2-part series presented by Teresa J. Rothausen, Ph.D.

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

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