



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 Epiphany of Our Lord

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2025 † 7:00 p.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE “Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie” Maurice Duruflé

AT THE PROCESSION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*
“Fields of Stars Awash in Splendor” *page 9 of worship folder*

THE 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. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory and show yourself to all the world through the One who is the true Light and the bright Morning Star, your Son, 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: Isaiah 60:1-6 *(seated)*

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING: “A New Year carol” from *Friday Afternoons*

Benjamin Britten

*Here we bring new water from the well so clear,
for to worship God with, this happy New Year.*

*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew,
the water and the wine;
the seven bright gold wires
and the bugles that do shine.*

*Sing reign of Fair Maid with gold upon her toe,
open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.*

Sing levy dew...

*Sing reign of Fair Maid with gold upon her chin,
open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.*

Sing levy dew...

— Traditional, Pembrokeshire, Wales

OFFERTORY

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

HYMN 303

Stanza 1 — All, in unison Stanza 4 — Treble voices

Stanza 2 — Low voices Stanza 5 — All, in unison

Stanza 3 — All, in harmony

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: ☩ Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Blessed are you . . . Christ’s death until he comes.
- ☩** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** Remembering, therefore . . . life-giving light.
- ☩** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send now, we pray . . . brilliance of Christ.
- ☩** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** To you, O God, . . . holy Church, both now and forever.
- ☩** **Amen**

Lord’s Prayer – “Our Father in heaven...” (*chanted by all*)

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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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“The First Noel”

HYMN 300

Refrain — All

Stanza 1 — All, in unison

Stanza 2 — Treble voices

Stanza 3 — All, in harmony

Stanza 4 — Low voices

Stanza 5 — All, in harmony

Stanza 6 — All, in unison (Not in hymnal)

**Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav’nly Lord,
who hath made heav’n and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.**

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: ☩ Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Now, Lord” (The Nunc Dimittis)

HYMN 201

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ☩ Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

PROCLAMATION OF DATES OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

The Proclamation of the Moveable Feasts (including the date of Easter) on the feast of Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. Today the proclamation serves as a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

Response: **☒ Amen.**

BLESSING

Response: **☒ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

☒ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “Star in the East”

WORSHIP LEADERS

* Presiding Minister & Preacher	The Rev. Rob Ruff
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Lora Dundek
Assisting Minister	Mark Pipkorn
Crucifer	Al Bipes
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Lector	Teresa Rothausen
Acolytes	Brad & Kandi Jo Nelson
Ushers	Art Halbardier, Allen Heggen
Altar Guild	Jan Harbaugh

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

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Field of Stars Awash in Splendor



1 Field of stars a-wash in splen-dor, stars of light, for glo-ry made,
2 Gath-ered light of God's own peo-ple, more than each a-lone could be,
3 Christ, O Light sur-pass-ing bright-ness, Christ, the ris-ing Morn-ing Star,



with the light of Christ for-ev-er for the u-ni-verse ar-rayed:
called to serve, be-loved and no-ble, splen-did in com-mu-ni-ty:
light our days and shine out from us in-to shad-ed fields a-far.



not a-lone, your life's cre-a-tion, not a-lone, your dai-ly arc,
man-y are the gifts of bless-ing, man-y are the wards of night,
Let the saints sing joy in glo-ry, let God's beau-ty glo-ri-ous rise,



but as one fair con-stel-la-tion shin-ing bright-ness in the dark.
may each life in Christ a-bid-ing be a beam of ho-ly light.
for the morn-ing stars in cho-rus shall fore-shad-ow par-a-dise.

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When a Star is Shining



1 When a star is shin - ing o - ver east - ern hills,
2 Where the world is wait - ing for an un - known day,
3 Lead us on, O Day - star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait - ing, and the old hopes rise,
Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,
show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has ri - pened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines,



lead us on to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

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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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