



The Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 2025 + 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: Third Sunday after Epiphany, Lect. 3 C

The glory of God is revealed in the reading of Scripture, when Jesus reads it and as we hear it today. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ, who is anointed to bring Good News to all the people oppressed and hurt by the world. In our baptism, we are given the same anointing in the Spirit for the same vocation, and in the Eucharist we are fed and strengthened for that mission.

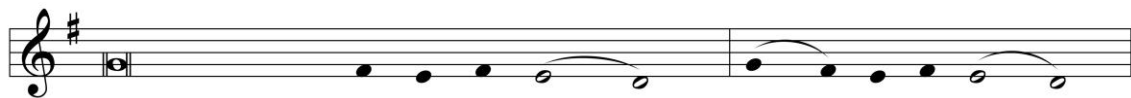
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The Entrance Liturgy and Blessing of Candles

To The assembly gathers in the Chapel Lounge.

GREETING



Light and peace in Je - sus Christ our Lord.____ Thanks be to God.____

THE SONG OF SIMEON

The candles are lighted.

Antiphon:



A____ light, a____ light to re - veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Leader: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

All: Antiphon

Leader: My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people.

All: Antiphon

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever.

All: Antiphon

PRAYERS OF BLESSING

The people's candles are blessed.

☐ Let us pray. Gracious God, source of all light, today you revealed to the venerable Simeon and Anna your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to that Light that shines forever, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

☑ **Amen**

The candles to be used for this year are blessed.

☐ Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who brought light into the night of chaos at creation: pour the grace of your blessing upon these candles which will bring light to our worship, that, as they shed their outward light abroad, so by your goodness the inward light of the Holy Spirit may never be lacking in our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

AT THE PROCESSION

The assembly follows the procession and choir into the nave.

The verses of the psalm are sung by the soloist. The antiphon is sung by all.

☐ A — light, ☑ a — light to re - veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'A — light, ☑ a — light to re - veal you to the na - tions' with a fermata over the first 'A'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.' with a fermata over 'Is - ra - el'.

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”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4


(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 24:7-10

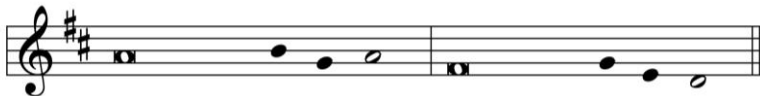
A brief silence follows the psalm.

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verse 10.



Lift up your heads, O gates, — that the King of glo - ry may come in.

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



SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

Response: **C Thanks be to God.**

A brief silence follows the reading.

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



*Verse: My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. — Luke 2:30-31*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-24

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

Even the Sparrow

(seated)

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

(standing)

HYMN 715

Refrain — All

Stanzas 1, 2 — All

Stanza 3 — Treble voices

Stanza 4 — Low voices

Stanza 5 — 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

God, beyond All Names

(seated)

Bernadette Farrell

God, beyond our dreams, you have stirred in us a memory;

you have placed your powerful Spirit in the hearts of humankind.

All around us we have known you, all creation lives to hold you,

in our living and our dying we are bringing you to birth.

God, beyond all names, you have made us in your image;

we are like you, we reflect you, we are woman, we are man.

All around us...

God, beyond all words, all creation tells your story;

you have shaken with our laughter, you have trembled with our tears.

All around us...

God, beyond all time, you are laboring within us;

we are moving, we are changing in your Spirit ever new.

All around us...

God of tender care, you have cradled us in goodness,

you have mothered us in wholeness, you have loved us into birth.

All around us...

— Bernadette Farrell

OFFERTORY

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

(standing)

HYMN 417

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☩ Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O holy God, . . . Christ’s death until he comes.

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore . . . holy and 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, now and forever.

☩ Amen

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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"In a Lowly Manger Born"

HYMN 718

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

HYMN 553

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Lord, Now You Let Your Servant" (The Nunc Dimittis)



☩ Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo- ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

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: *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin* ("In Peace and Joy I Now Depart")
 Johann Sebastian Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Assisting Minister	David Anderson
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Communion Minister	Bob Lee
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / David Molvik
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Thomas Fenner	Amy Thompson, Rose Thompson
Lectors	Brian Jacobs	Mary Dodgson
Ushers	John Bjork, Michael Lansing	Sue Browender, David Engen, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Bob Christiansen & Beth Gaede	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts	Mary Dodgson	Brinique (Nikki) Young / DeMarkus Young

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

* Presiding Minister	The Rev. Arthur Halbardier
Preacher	Vicar Natalie Wussler
Interim Organist	Robert Farlee
Interim Choir Director	Andrew Stoebig
Sacristan	Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
Assisting Minister	Kat Campbell Johnson
Communion Minister	Don Luther
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Acolytes	Robin Rayfield, Tim Sneer	John Meyer, Brad Nelson
Lectors	Dale Kruse	Peggy Hoeft
Ushers	Jerry Duncan, Lisa Nordeen	Allen Heggen, Mike Knudson, Kandi Jo Nelson
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Bonnie McLellan
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!	Hosts Needed!

** Pastor Crippen is out of town this weekend, returning to the office on Tuesday.*

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Nancy Anderson; Elizabeth Beissel; Dixie Berg; Irene Campbell; Harry Eklund; Darrell Golnitz; Carolyn Heider; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Paul Nixdorf; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Andrew Stoebig; Judy Stratton; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Kay Austermann, sister-in-law of Carol Austermann; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; 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; 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 Beissel, 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 Meshbesh 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 Sutherlund, friends and cousin of Eric Zander; Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Orvis Holm and Thomas Schattauer
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee, Martha Boomgarten, sister of Jack Kruger.
- **At the death of:** Lorraine Brugh, friend of many; Louis Nuechterlein, friend of George & Carolyn Heider.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 12 of worship folder.

Adult Forum: February 2 and 9

Paula Carlson will present and invite discussion on two pieces from the *Listening for God* books. On February 2, the piece will be James Baldwin's "Notes of a Native Son" from volume 4. On February 9, the piece will be Tillie Olsen's "O Yes" from volume 3.

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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THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Today, February 2 – Presentation of Our Lord

- 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

Monday, February 3 – St. Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden

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

Tuesday, February 4

- Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, February 5 – The Martyrs of Japan

- 10:00 am Staff 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, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

- 7:00 pm Recovery Group

Sunday, February 9 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 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
2-4 pm Book signing with Dr. Ella L. Gates-Mahmoud, author

The Commemorations

February 3: *St. Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865* - A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.

February 5: *The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597* - Christianity was brought to Japan in the sixteenth century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 twenty-six missionaries and converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.