



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 red hymnal in the lower outside corners of the pages.
- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the 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 First Sunday of Advent A*

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. But what if we took Paul seriously, who says there’s no waiting, since it’s already day? If we lived in the way of God that Isaiah says will come with God’s Anointed, a way of peace and hope? There’s no time like the present, Paul says.

The First Sunday of Advent A

November 30, 2025 ✝ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: “Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying” Gottfried Homilius

ENTRANCE HYMN *Standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave.*
“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” HYMN 246

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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Gathered under the wings of God’s mercy, let us confess our sin as we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Lord Jesus, you call us to stay awake for your coming now among all those in need. Forgive our inattentiveness to your call and your presence in our world.

Sung first by the minister, then repeated by all.



☞ Christ Jesus, you are the promise of our healing and our peace.
Forgive our greed and violence that wound and cause strife.



- P** Lord Jesus, you are the love that strengthens our hearts. Forgive our inaction in seeking justice and our giving in to hopelessness.



- P** Almighty God ✠ have mercy on you, forgive your sins, and bring you to life, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

(seated)

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

A brief silence follows the reading.

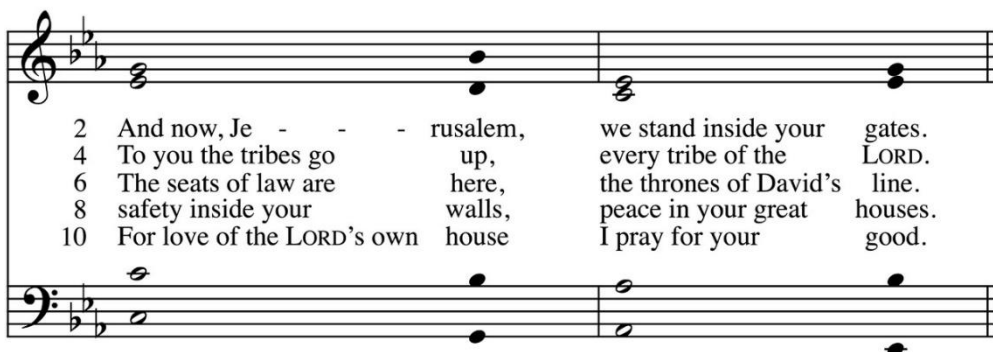
PSALMODY: Psalm 122

A brief silence follows the psalm.

Sung by all in harmony. Verses 1-2 sung by the soloist/choir.



1 With joy I heard them say, "Let us go to the LORD's house!"
 3 Jerusalem, the city so built that city and temple are one.
 5 It is the law of Israel to honor God's name.
 7 Pray peace for Je - rusalem: happiness for your homes,
 9 For love of family and friends I say, "Peace be with you!"



2 And now, Je - - - rusalem, we stand inside your gates.
 4 To you the tribes go up, every tribe of the LORD.
 6 The seats of law are here, the thrones of David's line.
 8 safety inside your walls, peace in your great houses.
 10 For love of the LORD's own house I pray for your good.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing) page 160

Verse: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
 and grant us ¹ your salvation. (Ps. 85:7)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Awake

(seated)

Silence follows the sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

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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.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”

Paul O. Manz

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are presented)

“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”

HYMN 436

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Treble voices begin;

Low voices alone at “Her dear friend ...”;

All at “Now come, O blessed ...”

Stanza 3 - All

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response:  **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda (“Lift up your hearts”)

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Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy and gracious God . . . until he comes.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P With this bread and cup . . . Justice and peace to all.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P Send your Holy Spirit . . . and the whole creation.
C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
P Join our prayers . . . now and forever.
C **Amen**

Lord's Prayer *sung by all* page 163

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” page 164

(10:45) “As the Dark Awaits the Dawn” HYMN 261

*Stanza 1 – Treble voices Stanza 3 – Low voices
Stanza 2 – All Stanza 4 – All*

(10:45) “Drop Down, Dew” Robert Twynham

Drop down dew, O heavens, from above,
and let the clouds rain down the just one.
Let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior.
On that day the mountains shall drop down sweetness,
and the hills shall flow with milk and honey.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All you who thirst, come to the waters.
Seek the Lord while he may be found.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Behold the Lord shall come, and all his saints with him.
And there shall be a great light on that day. Alleluia.
-Isaiah 45:8; Joel 3:18; Isaiah 55:1a, 6a; Zechariah 14:5b, 7

“The King Shall Come” HYMN 260

TABLE BLESSING (standing)

Response: **C** **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response:  **Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response:  **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

 Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

 **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: “Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”

Emma Lou Diemer

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan	Brad Nelson
Assisting Minister	Judy Hinck
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Erik Nelson
Livestream / Audio Mix	Donn McLellan / Ken Schulz
Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Jan Harbaugh, Adam Krueger	Tim Pipkorn, Eric Zander
Lectors	Alan Wicks	Carolyn Heider
Ushers	John Bjork, George Ferguson	Carol Austermann, Mike Knudson, Elena Molbert
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Lynn Ruff	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts	Hosts needed!	Hosts Needed!

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
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	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Tim Sneer, Thomas Fenner	Eleanor Crippen, John Crippen
Lectors	Brian Jacobs	Allen Heggen
Ushers	Dale Kruse, Lisa Nordeen	Sue Browender, Brad Nelson, Chuck Reyer
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Mary Crippen
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The Commemorations

November 30: *St. Andrew, Apostle* - The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

December 3: *St. Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552* - A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

December 4: *St. John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749* - A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

December 6: *St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342* - Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of
grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis -
drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark -
wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra -
ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise,
ness shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing
grace hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly,
deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the
star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's
in the stran - ger, in the out - cast, hid from view; Child who
soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Brad & Kandi Jo Nelson,
in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary.*

Today's Adult Forum: 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge

Part 2 of a 3-part series about Mary Magdalene, presented by Pastor Crippen.

Next Week's Forum: Part 3

About the cover: "Keep Awake," By Lauren Wright Pittman; Inspired by Mark 13:24-37
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THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent, A; St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Adult Forum / Youth Discussion (No Godly Play this day)
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
2:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal
4:00 pm **MFA Event: Advent Procession**

Monday, December 1

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)
6:30 pm Recorder group
7:00 pm Vicar Committee meeting
7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

Tuesday, December 2

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia

10:00 am Staff meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
7:00 pm **Advent Vespers**
7:35 pm Cantorei rehearsal

Thursday, December 4 – St. John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter

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

Friday, December 5

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

9:00 am Lefse making
3:00 pm Early Music Minnesota Concert

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent, year A

GIFTS THAT GIVE SALE

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Godly Play / Adult Forum / Youth Discussion
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
12:30 pm Theological Discussion group / Cookie Baking event

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Krys Campbell-Bolz; Jan Gallagher; Tom Graves; Beth & Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo Nelson; Rhoda Nelson; Connie & Rod Olson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Mark Spitzack; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Charlotte Erasmus, friend of Nancy Anderson; Joanne and Paul Solarski, mother and uncle of Emily Bird; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Mary Bouska, friend of Mary Dodgson; Dennis Fisher, brother-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Berndt Gustafson, father of Bjorn Gustafson; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvett, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Barb Heintz, mother of Andy Heintz; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Bonnie Beisell, friend of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Harriet Marty, step-mother of John & Connie Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Helen Feil, grandmother of Vicar Erik Nelson; Sandy Bryant, Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, daughter, son, and sister of Rhoda Nelson and sister, brother, and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Chris McCune-Zierath, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Nancy Pranke, and Linda Penas, sister-in-law and sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Jolie Melana Meshbeshier and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Aric Sorenson, former member of Mount Olive; Trish Ryan, mother in law of Erika Thurston Ryan; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss and Jim Weiss, mother-in-law and brother-in-law of John Wall; Wendell; Lynda, friend of Eric Zander; Robert Hausman, Elijah Pettis; Christiane Reichel, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week:** Bradley Holt, Arthur Halbardier, James Johnson, Paul Stone, Theodore Thompson, John Marty, Sabrina Bipes, John Crippen, Mark Spitzack, Carol Peterson, and Hans Tisberger.
- **In hospice care:** Melba Smrcka; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop.
- **At the death of:** Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 12 of worship folder.