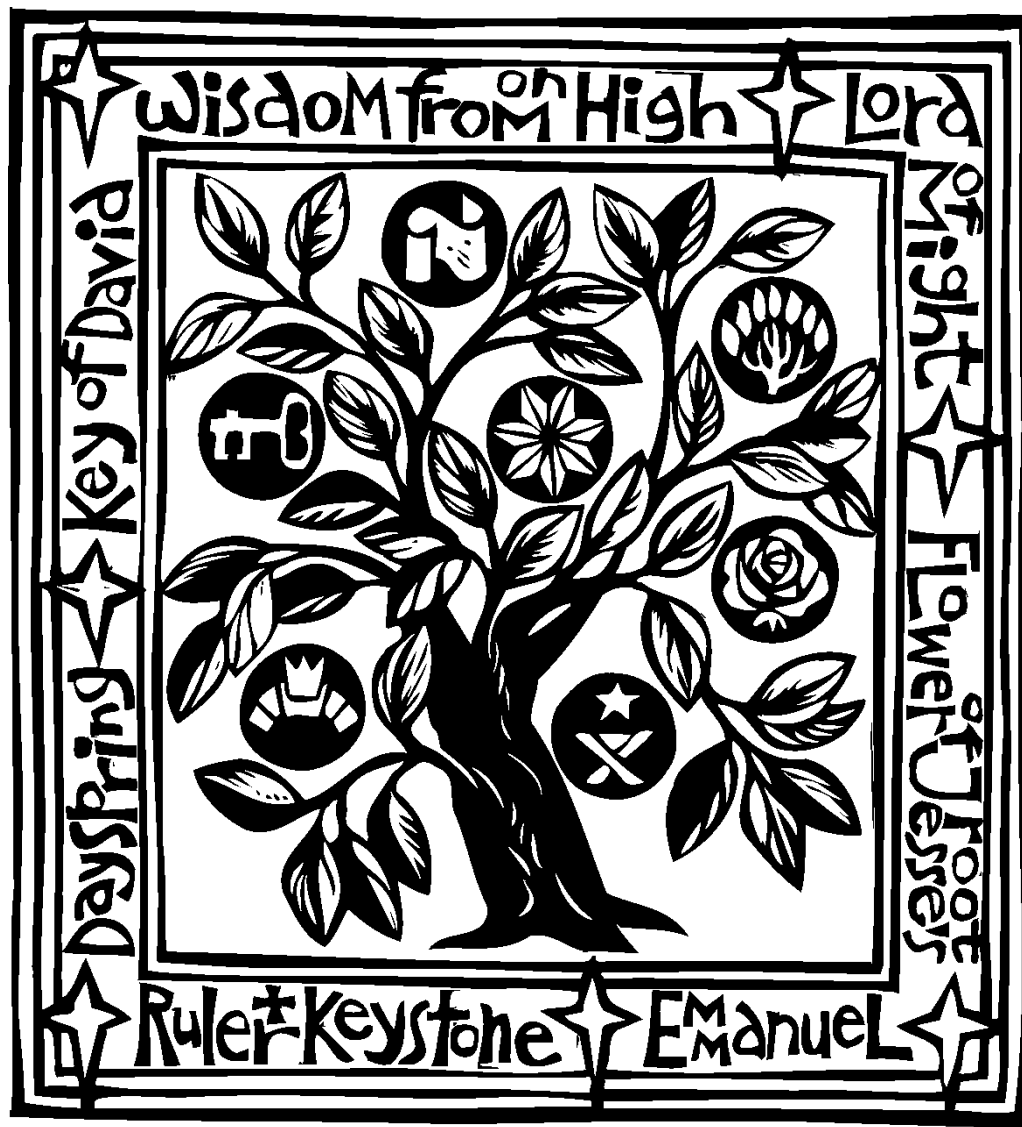




Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

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

- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the cranberry red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- *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).
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 - *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.
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Advent Procession Service

Sunday, November 30, 2025 + 4:00 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Introit for the First Sunday of Advent

Paul O. Manz (1919–2009)

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee:

let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee:

let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Psalms 25:1-3a, 4

PROCESSION

Stand at the entrance of the procession.

Procession Hymn 257: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Refrain – All

Stanzas 1, 2 – Choir

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

Stanza 6 – Treble voices

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanzas 7, 8 – All

Bidding Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent ... in the words in which Christ has taught us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

P The Holy and Triune God bless us ... bring us all.

C **Amen**

Procession Hymn 239: "Hark, the Glad Sound!"

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

(seated)

Silence



L I will wait for the Lord, **C** and I will hope in God who saves us.

Anthem: "Drop Down Dew, O Heavens" (Rorate Coeli)

Robert Twynham (1930–2011)

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.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

-Isaiah 45:8; Joel 3:18; Isaiah 55:1a, 6a; Zechariah 14:5b, 7

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Silence



L I will wait for the Lord, **C** and I will hope in God who saves us.

HYMN 730: “Lord Our God, with Praise We Come”

Third Reading: Isaiah 40:1-2, 9-11

Silence



L I will wait for the Lord, **C** and I will hope in God who saves us.

Anthem: “O Comfort, Now My People”

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

O comfort, comfort now my people, says the Lord, your God.
Speak gently to Jerusalem and cry unto her.
Her warfare is accomplished, her penalty is paid.
A voice cries in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way.”

So every valley shall be raised, all mountains, hills, made low,
as desert flowers rejoice and praise, and springs of water flow;
uneven ground, a level field, rough lands become a plain;
the glory of the Lord revealed, God’s children see again.

All humankind is grass and reeds, like flowers of the field;
they wither at the gentlest breeze, their feeble lives to yield.
Yet eyes are opened, ears unstopped, the lame leap like a deer,
and speechless tongues all sing for joy, the weak no longer fear.

For waters in the wild break forth, the desert flows with streams;
the burning sand becomes a pool, the thirsty ground, a spring.
Their highway is the holy way God’s chosen walk along;
the ransomed of the Lord return with gladness, joy, and song.

- Thomas Pavlechko, based on Isaiah 40:1-5

Fourth Reading: Mark 1:1-8

(seated)

Silence



L I will wait for the Lord, **C** and I will hope in God who saves us.

Anthem: "Prepare the Way"

Anders Öhrwall

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; Christ comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

- Frans Michael Franzén (1772–1847);
tr. Augustus Nelson (1863–1949);
adapt: Charles P. Price (1920–1999), alt.
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HYMN 255: "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

Fifth Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-8

Silence



L I will wait for the Lord, **C** and I will hope in God who saves us.

HYMN 241: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

(standing)

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Low voices sing first line, Treble voices sing second line, All sing last two lines

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

Stanza 4 – All, in unison

Sixth Reading: Luke 1:26-38

(seated)

Silence



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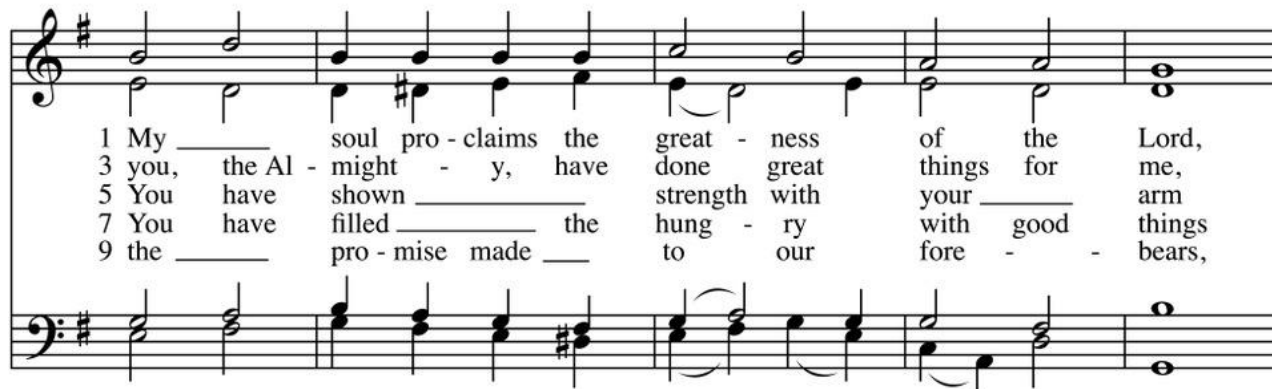
Anthem: "Bogoroditse Devo," from *All-Night Vigil*, op. 34, no. 6 Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873–1943)

Bogoroditse Devo, raduysia	Rejoice, virgin, God-bearer
Blagodatnaya Mariye,	Mary, full of grace,
Hospod s'Toboyu	the Lord be with you.
Blagoslovenna Ti v'zhenah.	Blessed are you among women
i Blagosloven Plod chreva Tvoyego	and blessed is the Fruit of your Womb
yako Spasa rodila yesi dush nashih.	for you have borne the Savior of our souls. - Luke 1:28, 42

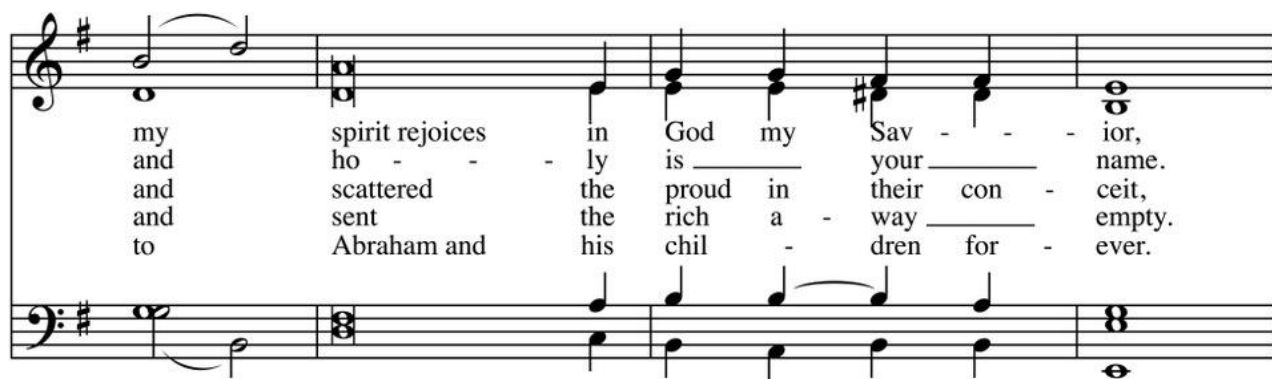
HYMN: "My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord"

(standing)

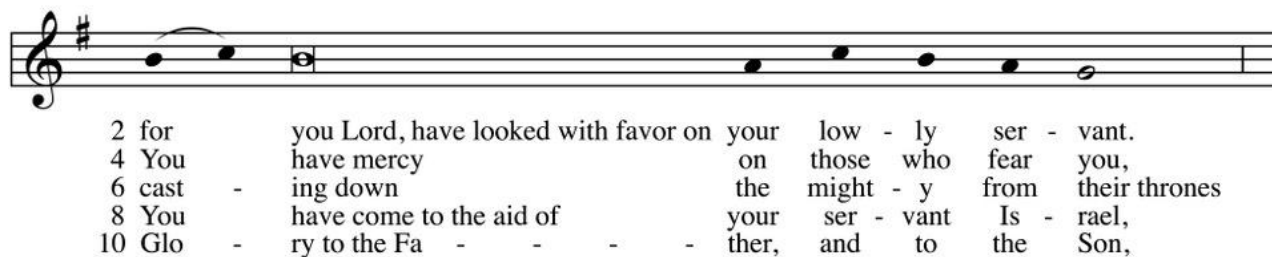
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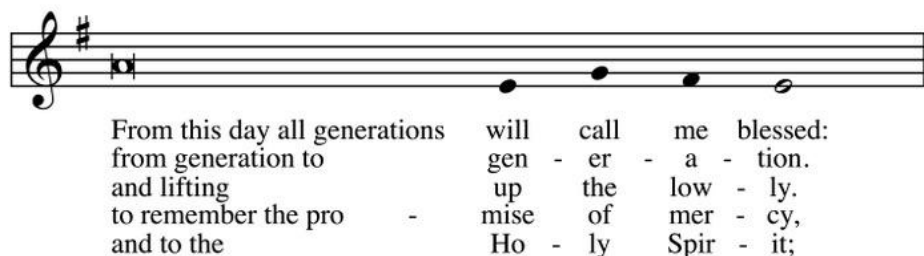
1 My _____ soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord,
 3 you, the Al - might - y, have done great things for me,
 5 You have shown _____ strength with your _____ arm
 7 You have filled _____ the hung - ry with good things
 9 the _____ pro - mise made _____ to our fore - - bears,



my and spirit rejoices in God my Sav - - - ior,
 and ho - - - ly is _____ your _____ name.
 and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
 and sent the rich a - way _____ empty.
 to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ever.



2 for you Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly ser - vant.
 4 You have mercy on those who fear you,
 6 cast - ing down the might - y from their thrones
 8 You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - rael,
 10 Glo - ry to the Fa - - - ther, and to the Son,



From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 from generation to gen - er - a - tion.
 and lifting up the low - ly.
 to remember the pro - mise of mer - cy,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

11 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

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11 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and will be for - ev - er. A - - - -

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men.

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Seventh Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

(seated)

Silence

☐ I will wait for the Lord, ☑ and I will hope in God who saves us.

HYMN 244: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Stanza 1 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

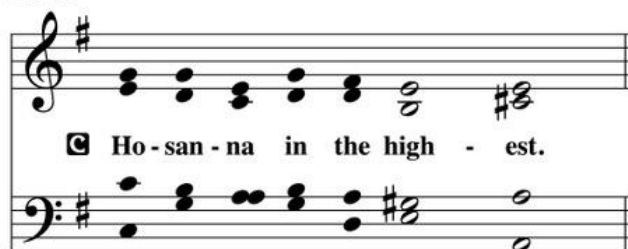
Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

Stanza 4 – All, in unison, standing

RESPONSIVE PRAYER



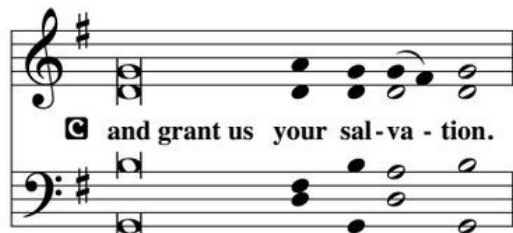
L Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.



C Ho-san-na in the high-est.



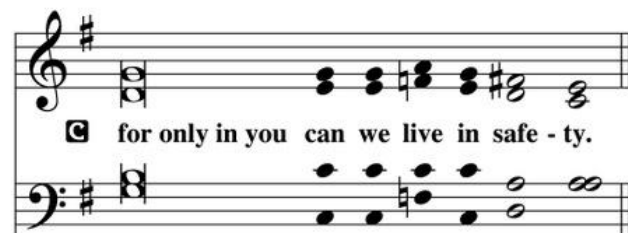
L Show us your mer-cy, O God,



C and grant us your sal-va-tion.



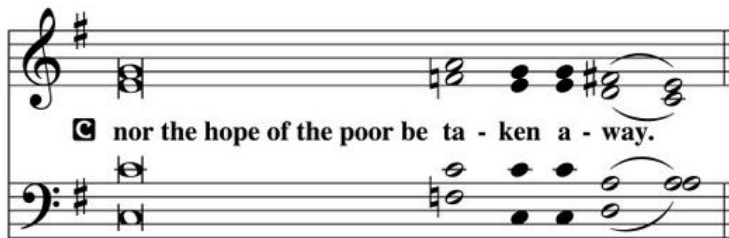
L Give peace in all the world;



C for only in you can we live in safe-ty.



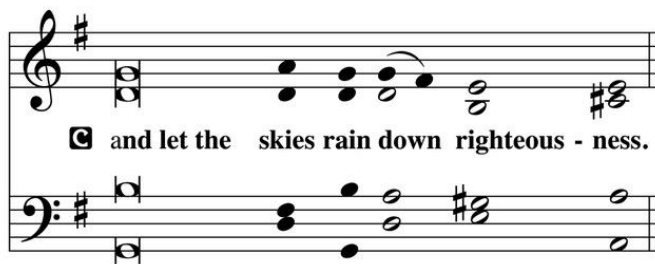
L Let not the needy be for - got - ten,



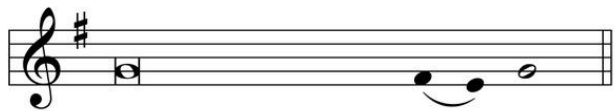
C nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



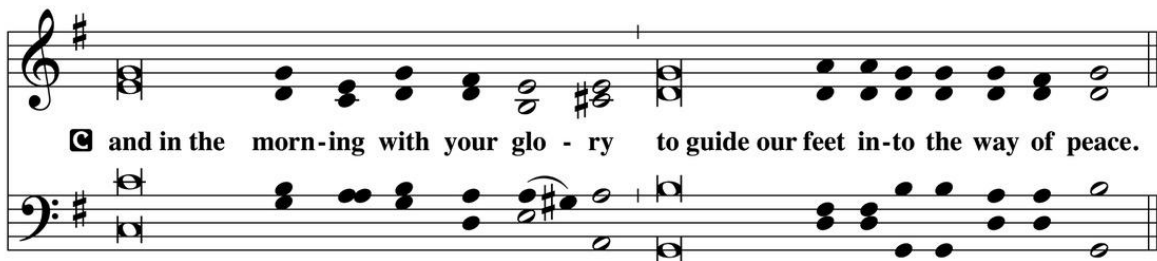
L Shower, O heavens, from a - bove,



C and let the skies rain down righteous - ness.



L Come, O Lord, at evening, with light,



C and in the morn-ing with your glo - ry to guide our feet in-to the way of peace.

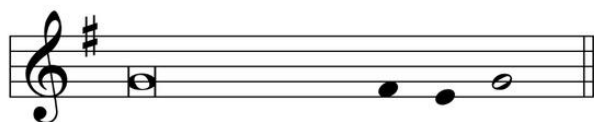
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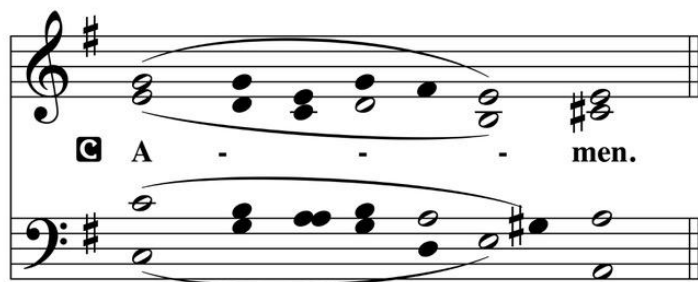
L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



L May Christ . . . now and for - ever.



C A - - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 263: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanzas 3 and 4 – All, in harmony

Stanza 5 – Treble voices

Stanza 6 – All

POSTLUDE: "Savior of the Nations, Come," BWV 599

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Choir:	Mount Olive Cantorei
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