

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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 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 Second Sunday of Advent, year A*

In Advent, John the Baptist brings us to the Jordan River and the waters of baptism. John calls us to repent, to come to the font of new birth, where we have been joined to God’s reign. As washed and whole children of God, we are called forth as a people whose mission is proclaiming God’s mercy for our suffering world.

The Second Sunday of Advent, year A

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Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Partita on FREU DICH SEHR (Comfort, Comfort Now My People) Georg Böhm

ENTRANCE HYMN *Standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave.*
“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” HYMN 256

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 come to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Forgive and enflame our tepid lives and indifferent service to your reign on this earth.

Sung first by the minister, then repeated by all.



☐ Christ Jesus, you are the healing of God, leading your people to peace and wholeness. Forgive our selfishness and violence that creates enemies where you desire family.



- ☐ Lord Jesus, you are the welcome of God, who calls all peoples to love and life. Forgive our divisions and hatreds that separate us from your children, our neighbors.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

(seated)

Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

A brief silence follows the reading.

A brief silence follows the psalm.

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



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

(standing)



Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

- *Luke 3:4, 6*

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.

(seated)

Silence follows the sermon

(standing)

HYMN 711

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(kneeling)

Response: ☒ hear our prayer

(standing)

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online using the QR code on the back of this worship folder.

(10:45) AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

“A Little Child Shall Lead Them”

Mark Sedio, arr. Marilyn Biery

See what once Isaiah told: “Wolf and lamb shall live together.”

See an image, vivid, bold — grace enfolds us all forever,

“And a little child shall lead them.”

Cows shall graze where lions lie, peace and joy spring forth, unending;

bears shall end their young nearby, every split on earth is mending.

“And a little child shall lead them.”

Sing a prayer that calls for peace and an end to all division.

Sing with love, that discord cease making real the prophet’s vision:

“And a little child shall lead them.”

Jesus was that little one come to know and heal our sorrow.

Both our brother, and God’s son, come to bring a new tomorrow,

“And a little child shall lead them.”

- Marilyn Biery, based on Isaiah 11:6-9

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are presented)

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

HYMN 247

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

 Holy and gracious God . . . until he comes.

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

 With this bread and cup . . . Justice and peace to all.

 **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send your Holy Spirit . . . and the whole creation.

A Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers . . . now and forever.

A Amen

Lord's Prayer *sung 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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(10:45) "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

HYMN 241

(10:45) "O Comfort, Now My People"

Thomas Pavlechko

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

"Wait for the Lord"

HYMN 262

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **A Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

Sending Liturgy

SENDING OF COMMUNION

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 brothers and sisters 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: Variation I I, from Partita on FREU DICH SEHR

Georg Böhm

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Larry Duncan,
in celebration of all of the December birthdays,
and by Paula Carlson & Thomas Schattauer, in celebration of the baptism last Sunday
of their granddaughter, Mina Jean Schattauer Paillé, at
Community of the Cross Lutheran Church, Bloomington.*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister & Preacher

Organist

Sacristan

Assisting Minister

Eucharistic Minister

Livestream / Audio Mix

(10:45) Choirs

Pastor Joseph Crippen

Cantor Daniel Schwandt

Brad Nelson

Jan Harbaugh

Vicar Erik Nelson

Eric Manuel / David Molvik

Mount Olive Cantorei

Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, director

Tony Moussa, violin

8:00

Acolytes

Tim Sneer, Thomas Fenner

Lectors

Brian Jacobs

Ushers

Dale Kruse, Lisa Nordeen

Altar Guild

Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru Mary Crippen

10:45

Eleanor Crippen, John Crippen

Allen Heggen

Sue Browender, Brad Nelson,

Chuck Reyer

Mary Crippen

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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Eucharistic Minister

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Gretchen Campbell-Johnson

Vicar Erik Nelson

Jim Bargmann

Greg Murphy / Ken Schulz

Mount Olive Cantorei

Youth Choir, Rebekah Schulz, director

8:00

Acolytes

Kat Campbell Johnson

Larry Duncan

Lectors

Adam Krueger

Ushers

Alan & Kathy Wicks

Altar Guild

Cynthia Prosek

Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede

Coffee Hosts

Hosts needed!

10:45

Nicholas Johnson, John Meyer

John Gidmark

Jerry Duncan, David Engen,

Carol Martinson

Mary Crippen

Hosts Needed!

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; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Berndt Gustafson, father of Bjorn Gustafson; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvét, 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:** Charles Gjovig, Osasumwen Obadiaru (Joy), Osemwivie (Stephanie) Obadiaru, Kathy Thurston, Terrence Serres, Lynn Ruff, Lisa Ruff.
- **In hospice care:** Melba Smrcka; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 12 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, December 7 — Second Sunday of Advent, year A; St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

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

12:30 pm Justice Committee conversation

12:30 pm Cookie Baking event

Monday, December 8

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

7:00 pm Vestry meeting

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 am Diaper Depot staff meeting

Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, December 10

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 11

9:30 am ***Morning Prayer***

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, December 12

7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, December 13 — St. Lucy, martyr

10:00 am Book Discussion Group

Sunday, December 14 — Third Sunday of Advent, year A

GIFTS THAT GIVE SALE

8:00 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by Scandinavian Coffee Hour

9:30 am Godly Play / Adult Forum / Youth Discussion

10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism***, followed by
Scandinavian Coffee Hour

12:30 pm YI Confirmation

The Commemorations

December 7: *St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397* - While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

December 13: *St. Lucy, martyr, died 304* - Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means “light”) originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

About the cover: “*A shoot from the stump of Jesse,*” from Mount Olive’s south clerestory window.

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

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

No Adult Forum next week – enjoy the Scandinavian coffee hour!



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