



## Advent Vespers

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 2025**

**7:00 p.m.**

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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Mount Olive Lutheran Church + Minneapolis, Minnesota

## ✚ Opening

Service of Light

*(Standing at the sound of the bell)*

Dialogue



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|--|------------|------|--------------|--------|
| ☐ The Spirit and the                       | church cry | out: | ☑ Come, Lord | Jesus. |
| ☐ All those who await his ap - pear - ance | pray:      |      | ☑ Come, Lord | Jesus. |
| ☐ The whole cre - - - a - tion             | pleads:    |      | ☑ Come, Lord | Jesus. |

Hymn of Light (Phos hilaron) "Light of Gladness"

1 Light of glad - ness, Lord of glo - ry, Je - sus Christ our  
2 Let us sing at sun's des - cend - ing as we see the  
3 Son of God, through all the a - ges wor - thy of our

God most ho - ly, shine a - mong us in your mer - cy:  
lights of eve - ning, Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it prais - ing  
hol - iest prais - es, yours the life that nev - er ceas - es,

earth and heav - en join their hymn.  
with the ho - ly ser - a - phim.  
light which nev - er shall grow dim.

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 Music: QUEM PASTORES, German, 14th cent.  
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## Thanksgiving for Light

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## ✝ Psalmody

Psalmody

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Psalm 41: 1-4 "Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense"

Group One – Treble voices; Group Two – Low voices

*A time of silence is kept, concluded by a psalm prayer.*

(12/3) Psalm 90:1-6, 12-13

*Sung antiphonally by verse, beginning with the pulpit side.*

(12/10) Psalm 119:33-40

*Sung antiphonally by verse, beginning with the pulpit side.*

(12/17) Psalm 86:1-10

*Sung antiphonally by verse, beginning with the pulpit side.*



*A time of silence is kept, concluded by a psalm prayer.*

Office Hymn

*(standing)*

(12/3) "Fling Wide the Door"

HYMN 259

(12/10) "Prepare the Royal Highway"

HYMN 264

(12/17) "Each Winter as the Year Grows Older"

HYMN 252

## ✝ Word

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Reading

*(seated)*

(12/3) I Thessalonians 5:1-11

(12/10) Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

(12/17) Romans 8:18-27

*Silence for reflection*

Responsory



☐ Lord, show us your mer - cy and love.    ☑ Lord, show us



your mer - cy and love.    ☐ And grant us your sal - va - tion,



☑ your mer - cy and love.    ☐ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,



and to the Ho-ly Spir - it:    ☑ Lord, show us your mer-cy and love.

# Gospel Canticle

(standing)

Congregation sings odd-numbered verses in harmony; soloist sings even-numbered verses.

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 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;

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

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Music: MEINE SEELE ERHEBT DEN HERREN and tonus peregrinus, harm. J. S. Bach 1687–1750, adapt. Frank W. Stoldt

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Blessing

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**Participants**

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