



The Name of Jesus

January 1, 2026 ✝ 10:00 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: The Name of Jesus

Eight days after his birth, Jesus was circumcised and named, in accordance with Jewish law. His name, “God saves,” is a sign not only of his ministry but of God’s plan in Christ to bring life to the world. From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are also Christ, and also part of God’s hope for the world. Today we pray that even now is the “fullness of time” where God’s grace in Christ flows through us into this world.

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)

“From Heaven Above”

HYMN 268

Stanzas 1-3 and 12-14

THE 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.**

KYRIE

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God ...”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Eternal Father, you have given your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 8:1-8

A brief silence follows the psalm.

An antiphon is sung at the beginning and after verse 8: How majestic is your name in all the earth!

The soloist sings verses 1 and 2, all sing verses 3 through 8.



SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

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

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



*Verse: At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth. — Philippians 2:10*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-21

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

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Has Come”

HYMN 292

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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.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

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.

“Cold December Flies Away” (EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT)

Kristina Rizzotto

OFFERTORY

“Cold December Flies Away”

HYMN 299

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☩ Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

℟ Holy God, Creator of all . . . the Lord's death until he comes.

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

℟ Remembering, therefore . . . will be restored in Christ.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

℟ By your Holy Spirit . . . the light of Christ.

☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

℟ Through Christ all glory, . . . holy Church, both now and forever.

☩ Amen

Lord's Prayer

Chanted by all.

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“Our Father in heaven...”

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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“That Boy-Child of Mary”

HYMN 293

Refrain – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

Stanzas 1, 2 – All

Stanzas 5, 6 – All

Stanza 3 – Low voices

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

HYMN 820

After all have communed:

(standing)

COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

The Sending Liturgy

BLESSING

Response: ☩ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

HYMN 632

DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace. Share the Good News!

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Rob Ruff
Preacher	Vicar Erik Nelson
Organist	Cantor Daniel Schwandt, Paul Soulek
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Assisting Minister	Judy Hinck
Crucifer	Jan Harbaugh
Livestream	Reid Peterson
Lector	Louise Lystig Fritchie
Acolytes	Lora Dundek, Tom Olsen
Ushers	Sue Browender, Brian Jacobs, Carol Martinson
Altar Guild	Jan Harbaugh

*We welcome Paul Soulek, who is assisting Cantor Schwandt at the organ today.
Paul is Cantor of St. John Lutheran Church and School, in Seward, Nebraska.*

The Celebration Continues

The Epiphany of Our Lord: Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 11, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.



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