



The Second Sunday of Christmas

January 4, 2026 ✝ 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 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: Second Sunday of Christmas

As the Christmas season nears its end, we reflect more deeply today on the significance of the Christ who was born at Bethlehem. Our minds may not be able to comprehend just how Jesus existed with God from the beginning of time, as the first chapter from the Gospel of John proclaims today. What we do know is this: God comes into our presence today through Jesus Christ. Through the Scriptures, through the bread and the wine, and through and in our own bodies, voices, lives, the Triune God is made flesh among us.

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The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: “Unto Us A Boy Is Born” (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) David N. Johnson

ENTRANCE HYMN *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*
“The Bells of Christmas” HYMN 298

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 5 – Low voices

Stanzas 2, 3 – All, in harmony

Stanza 6 – All

Stanza 4 – Treble voices

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.**

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE page 139
“Glory to God”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☞ **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 147:12-20

A brief silence follows the psalm.

(10:45) This antiphon is sung by the choir at the beginning, and after verses 15 and 20: Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.

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



SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

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: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. (Ps. 98:3)

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

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

To Become

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

ACS HYMN 1093

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 4 – All

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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

(10:45) 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.

“Festal Anthem”

Larry J. Long

Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn, a Savior unto us is born,
the Christ, the Lord of glory! His lowly birth at Bethlehem
the angels from on high proclaim and sing redemption's story!
My soul, extol God's great favor; bless him ever for salvation;
give him praise and adoration! - Birgitte K. Boye, tr. Carl Douing

OFFERTORY

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

HYMN 291

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.**

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

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C 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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"Away In a Manger"

HYMN 278

"Peace Came to Earth"

HYMN 285

After all have communed:

(standing)

COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: **C Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **C Amen.**

The Sending Liturgy

BLESSING

Response: **C Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

HYMN 270

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*There is no Adult Forum, no Godly Play, and no Youth Discussion today.
Education hour resumes next Sunday, January 11.*

Next Sunday's Adult Forum

The Leipzig Partnership, presented by Lora Dundek.

The Leipzig Partnership is over 30 years old, and both the Minneapolis Area Synod and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig are continuing to explore ways to partner together in ministry and build relationships with each other. Lora will discuss the background of the partnership and how our respective histories can help us build hope and resilience in a challenging world.

On the cover: Christ Cosmocrator, Byzantine mosaic,
Monreale Cathedral, Sicily, 12th c.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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Sacristan	Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
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Crucifer	Jim Bargmann
Communion Minister	Art Halbardier, Rob Ruff
Livestream / Audio Mix	Greg Murphy / Ken Schulz
(10:45) Choir	Mount Olive Cantorei

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Larry Duncan, Jan Harbaugh	Elena Molbert, Tricia Van Ee
Lectors	Brian Jacobs	Sarah Stoebig
Ushers	Alan & Kathy Wicks	David Anderson, Irene Campbell, David Engen
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek Joy Obadiaru	Mary Crippen
Coffee Hosts	Linda & Mark Pipkorn	

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
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Acolytes	Al Bipes, Robin Rayfield	Consuelo Crosby, Nicholas Johnson
Lectors	Kandi Jo Nelson	John Meyer
Ushers	Lisa Nordeen, Lynn Ruff	Carol Austermann, Allen Heggen, Mike Knudson
Altar Guild	Lynn Ruff	Bonnie McLellan
	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	
Coffee Hosts	Hosts Needed!	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; Gail Nielsen; Paul Nixdorf; 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; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvvet, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; 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; Linda Penas, 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; Elijah Pettis; Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week:** Matthew Crosby, Samuel Melang, Julia Melang, and Eric Manuel
- **In hospice care:** Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
January 9: *St. Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710* - African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

Sunday, January 4 – Second Sunday of Christmas, year A

- 8:00 am** **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am No Education Hour this day
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist, with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**, followed by
 coffee and conversation
12:30 pm Theological Discussion group

Monday, January 5

- 7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)
7:00 pm Global Ministry Committee meeting
7:00 pm Vicar Committee meeting

Tuesday, January 6 – ***Epiphany of Our Lord***

- Noon Bible Study
7:00 pm ***Epiphany Eucharist***

Wednesday, January 7

- 10:00 am Staff meeting
5:30 pm Children's Choir supper
6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals
7:00 pm Cantorei rehearsal
7:00 pm Y3 Confirmation

Thursday, January 8

- 10:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist for The Name of Jesus***
7:00 pm Vestry meeting
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, January 9 – St. Adrian of Canterbury, teacher

- 7:00 pm Recovery Group

Saturday, January 10

- 10:00 AM Book Discussion group

Sunday, January 11 – Second Sunday of Christmas, year ABC

- 8:00 am** **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Adult Forum / Youth Discussion / Godly Play
10:45 am **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation
12:30 pm Y1 Confirmation

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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