



# *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

*January 6, 2026 ✝ 7:00 p.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 Epiphany of Our Lord

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The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

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## ★ The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE “Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie,” op. 13 Maurice Duruflé

ENTRANCE HYMN (standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)  
“The First Noel” HYMN 300

*Refrain – All*

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 3 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

### THE GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

*Sung once by the soloist, then repeated twice by all.*



Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God ...”

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory and show yourself to all the world through the One who is the true Light and the bright Morning Star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

*(seated)*

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *A brief silence follows the psalm.*

*The choir sings the following antiphon after verses 4, 10, and 14: All kings shall bow down before him.*

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



SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12


Response: **A** 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: We have observed his star at its rising,  
and have come to worship him. — Matthew 2:2*

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*Response after the announcement:*  **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Response after the conclusion:*  **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.*

SERMON

**In the Time of King Herod**

*Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*(standing)*

“Christ, Be Our Light”

HYMN 715

*Refrain – All*

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 3 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Low voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(kneeling)*

*Response:*  **Amen.**

PEACE

*(standing)*

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



## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

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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.*

## OFFERTORY

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

*see pages 8-9 of worship folder*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Response:* **☩ Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Sanctus

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Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Blessed are you . . . Christ’s death until he comes.
- ☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** Remembering, therefore . . . life-giving light.
- ☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send now, we pray . . . brilliance of Christ.
- ☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** To you, O God, . . . holy Church, both now and forever.
- ☩ Amen**

Lord’s Prayer – “Our Father in heaven...” (*chanted 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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“What Child Is This”

HYMN 296

*After all have communed:*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

(*standing*)

*Response:* **☩ Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Response:* **☩ Amen.**

# The Sending Liturgy

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## PROCLAMATION OF DATES OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

The Proclamation of the Moveable Feasts (including the date of Easter) on the feast of Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. Today the proclamation serves as a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

*Response:*     **Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Response:*     **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

HYMN 302

## DISMISSAL

 Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

 **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“As With Gladness Men of Old” (DIX)

Flor Peeters

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## Brightest and Best of the Stars

Stanza 1 – Choir

Stanza 2 – All sing melody (top line)

Stanzas 3, 4 – All in harmony (any of the three parts in your own vocal range)

Melody - mezzos/baritones

The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single staff with a soprano clef, and the Tenor and Bass parts are written on a single staff with a bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of three systems. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the Soprano and Alto parts having the same lyrics, and the Tenor and Bass parts having the same lyrics. The lyrics are: 1 Hail the blest morn, see the great Med-i-a-tor, down from the 2 Cold on his cra-dle the dew-drops are shin-ing; low lies his 3 What shall we give him, in cost-ly de-vo-tion? Fra-grance of 4 Vain-ly we of-fer each am-ple ob-la-tion, vain-ly with re-gions of glo-ry des-cend! Shep-herds, go wor-ship the head with the beasts of the stall; an-gels a-dore him in E-dom and of-f'rings di-vine, gems of the moun-tain and gifts would his fa-vor se-cure; rich-er by far is the babe in the mang-er, Lo, for his guard the bright an-gels at-tend. slum-ber re-clin-ing, mak-er and mon-arch and sav-ior of all. pearls of the o-cean, myrrh from the for-est or gold from the mine? heart's ad-o-ra-tion, dear-er to God are the prayers of the poor.

soprano, octave higher

alto, octave higher



*Refrain*

Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing, dawn on our

dark-ness and lend us your aid. Star of the east, the ho-

ri-zon a-dorn-ing, guide where our in-fant re-deem-er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: STAR IN THE EAST, from Japheth Coombs Washburn's *The Temple Harmony*, 1826

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