



Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 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: Presentation of Our Lord

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day, a tradition we continue on this day. This underscores the truth of Simeon's confession that this child Jesus was “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little Epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of Christ, the light of the world.

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Entrance Liturgy and Blessing of Candles

The assembly gathers in the Chapel Lounge.

GREETING



¶ Light and peace in Je-sus Christ our Lord. ¶ Thanks be to God.

The candles are lighted.

CANTICLE – Song of Simeon

The antiphon is intoned, then repeated by all. The verses are sung by the soloist.

A light to re - veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYERS OF BLESSING

The people's candles are blessed.

¶ Let us pray. Gracious God, source of all light, today you revealed to the venerable Simeon and Anna your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to that Light that shines forever, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

¶ Amen.

The candles to be used for this year are blessed.

¶ Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who brought light into the night of chaos at creation: pour the grace of your blessing upon these candles which will bring light to our worship, that, as they shed their outward light abroad, so by your goodness the inward light of the Holy Spirit may never be lacking in our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever.

¶ **Amen.**

PROCESSION

¶ Let us go forth in peace.

¶ **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The assembly follows the procession and choir into the nave.

The verses of the psalm are sung by the soloist. The antiphon is sung by all.



We a-wait your steady love, O God, in the midst of your temple.



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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

¶ Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

¶ **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

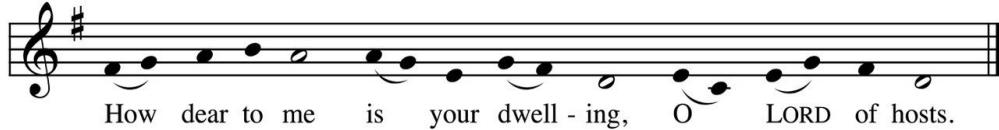
(seated)

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 84 *A brief silence follows the psalm.*

The antiphon is intoned then repeated by all.

The verses are sung by the choir.



How dear to me is your dwell - ing, O LORD of hosts.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The alleluia is sung twice.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the Presence of all peoples. (Luke 2:30-31)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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

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

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Not Departing Yet

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY (standing)
“Long-Awaited Holy One”
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (kneeling)
Response: C hear our prayer.

PEACE (standing)
You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

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.

“Nunc Dimittis” Orlando Gibbons
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFERTORY (standing)
“In His Temple Now Behold Him” HYMN 417

OFFERTORY PRAYER
Response: C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

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Eucharistic Prayer

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

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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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“O Light to Every Nation”

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After all have communed:

(standing)

COMMUNION BLESSING

Response: **C** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **C** Amen.

Sending Liturgy

BLESSING

Response: **C** **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

HYMN 440

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:

“Lob sei dem almächtigen Gott” BWV 602

J. S. Bach

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Long-Awaited Holy One

Sung in harmony.

1 Long - a - wait - ed Ho - ly One, Sim - eon hailed you
2 Light of all the na - tions, shine! Show to those who
3 Ra - diance of God's ho - ly face, shine your love in

as God's Son. An - na wel - comes you with praise,
wait, a sign: God on earth, our host and guest,
ev - 'ry place. Splen-dor of God's glo - ry bright,

glad ful - fill - ment of her days.
in our flesh - made - of man - i - fest.
lead us to e - - ter - nal light!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524;

arr. J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

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O Light to Every Nation

1 O Light to ev - 'ry na - tion, O Sav - ior from a - bove,
2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you in ev - 'ry ho - ly place
3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, you seem to hide your face,
4 Let us, O God, be faith - ful like Sim - eon to the end

drawn by your Spir - it's lead - ing, we come with joy and love
where you, your - self have prom - ised that we should see your face.
and through our tears we of - ten can scarce - ly sense your grace.
so that his prayer ex - ult - ant may from our hearts as - cend:

in - to your ho - ly tem - ple and wait with rev - 'rent mind
To - day you still al - low us who gath - er round you here
Then be our joy and bright - ness, our cheer in pain and loss,
"O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in peace, I pray,

as Sim - e - on and An - na once wait - ed, God to find.
 in arms of faith to hold you as did those a - ged
 our sun in dark - est ter - ror, the glo - ry round our
 since I have seen my Sav - ior and here be - held his
 day."

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677, adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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