



# *Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!*

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that worship 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.

An elevator to the lower and street levels can be found at the northwest corner of the education wing. Restrooms are located on the main floor and lower level. Turn right as you exit the narthex, then turn left. Restrooms are at the end of the hall, next to the elevator. Please ask an usher if you need assistance!

A time of refreshment and conversation follows each Sunday morning liturgy. All are cordially invited.

**Mount Olive is equipped with a hearing assist loop.** If you use a hearing aid equipped with a T-Coil, switch your device to T-Coil to access. If your aid does not have that option, small headsets are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Helps for following the liturgy:** Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are in the front portion of the hymnal at the bottom left and right corners of the page. Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” in caps are in the back portion of the hymnal in the upper left and right corners of the page. Note that the psalms are numbered as hymns 1-150.

## *Focus on the Season: First Sunday of Christmas, year C*

On the First Sunday of Christmas we meet the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humanity. We, too, are God’s children, set apart through the baptismal waters in which we have been washed. As we end one year and begin another, we pray that God’s likeness in Christ become more visible in us, God’s new offspring, and that the Holy Spirit empower us to grow in wisdom and stature ourselves.

# First Sunday of Christmas, year C

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

December 26, 2021 † 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE “Es kommt ein Schiff geladen” Passacaglia Andernacher Gesangbuch

AT THE PROCESSION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary)*

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” HYMN 275

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at refrain*

*Stanza 3 – Treble voices; All at refrain*

*Stanza 4 – All*

### 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMN 289

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☛ **Amen**

☐ Let us pray. We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen, the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we also may pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, 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

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FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

*(seated)*

Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 148

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



SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

Response: ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL CAROL *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the assembly)*

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

HYMN 272

*Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading*

*Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading.*

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

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

**My Father’s Business**

Pastor Crippen

*Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

(standing)  
HYMN 735

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

**A** Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

(standing)

*You are invited to share the peace with one another. Please consider bowing to each other as a sign of God’s presence and an offering of Christ’s peace, a long-standing practice at Mount Olive and in the greater Church.*

## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

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AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

“O Bethlehem”

Carl Schalk

*O Bethlehem! See your glory shines so brightly, O Bethlehem.  
You are raised up with favor divine, you are chosen, yours the favor,  
Chosen of God to cradle the Savior, O Bethlehem!  
O Bethlehem! Here at last we see the Promised One, O Bethlehem.  
Let us give praise with joyful hearts. He has opened heaven before us,  
Come let us join the heavenly chorus, O Bethlehem!  
O Bethlehem! Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing, O Bethlehem.  
Then the glorious Easter morn, conquering death, its bondage breaking,  
Christ victorious, new life awaking, O Bethlehem.  
O Bethlehem! Now with the shepherds we, too, worship, O Bethlehem.  
He who made the heaven and earth, wondrous birth,  
The Lord of all, born a child in a manger stall, O Bethlehem!*

OFFERTORY

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

HYMN 286

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 3 – High voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 4 – All*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy God, Creator of all . . . the Lord's death until he comes.  
**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
**P** Remembering, therefore . . . will be restored in Christ.  
**C** **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

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"Our Father in heaven..."

## AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

*All are welcome to God's Table of grace. 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.*

**Please keep your mask on until you are ready to eat or drink, and put it back on right away.**

*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

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

HYMN 282

*Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.*

*After all have communed:*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

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

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart" (The Nunc Dimittis)

HYMN 440

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

# The Liturgy of Sending

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## BLESSING

*Response:* **☩ Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

**☩** Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**☩ Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE:                   Improvisation

# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>* Organist</b>	Interim Cantor Dietrich Jessen
<b>Sacristan</b>	Adam Krueger
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	David Engen
<b>Crucifer</b>	Al Bipes

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	Diana Hellerman	David Anderson
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brad Nelson, Larry Duncan	Patsy Holtmeier, Nicholas Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Lisa Nordeen, Paul Sundquist	Melissa Stone, Irene Campbell
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Bonnie McLellan

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## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Andrea Bonneville
<b>* Organist</b>	Interim Cantor Dietrich Jessen
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lora Dundek
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kat Campbell Johnson
<b>Crucifer</b>	Eric Zander

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
<b>Lectors</b>	Louise Lystig Fritchie	Eunice Hafemeister
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tim Sneer, Robin Rayfield	Nicholas Johnson, Sedona Crosby
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Kruse, Hans Tisberger	Nerheim family
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff	Bonnie McLellan
	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	

*\* Cantor David Cherwien is on sabbatical leave until March 1, 2022.*

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel, Dennis Bidwell; Mary Dodgson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Carolyn Mowery; Rhoda Nelson; George Oelfke; Jerry Ostlund; Evelyn Royce; John Salveson; Pariann Schenk; John Wall; James Wilkes; Adalyn Lerum, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Gerry Coleman, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Scott Spooner, son of Cathy Bosworth; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Kristin Eklund-Johnson, Greg Eklund, Ryan Snelling, daughter, son, and friend of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., father and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Norma Pera and Hilde Dobberpuhl, sisters of Eunice Hafemeister and aunts of Linda Hafemeister; Cat Robinette, friend of Emily Hellerich; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Brenda Frankman, friend of Rachel Meurett; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Kirsty Langfield, cousin of Gary Pangel; Vince DeLusia, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Sue Smith and Steve Swanson, friends of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sner; Dn. Steven Arnold, friend of Andrew Stoebig; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Mary Peterson, friend of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Rachel Wilkes, former wife of James Wilkes; Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those in hospice care:** Susan Cherwien; Berta Wick.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Mary Lee, Carolyn Hellerich, Lynda Pearson, Janet Crosby, Mark Dicke, Joyce Larson, Louise Lystig Fritchie, Elizabeth Hering, Nathan Bargmann, and Janet Meeks.
- **Prayers** for all in the health care system here and around the world who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Ross Chambers, nephew of Berta & Bob Wick; Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
*The commemorations are listed on page 11 of worship folder.*

# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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**Sunday, December 26** – *The First Sunday of Christmas; St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr*

**9:00 am**      **Holy Eucharist**

**11:00 am**      **Holy Eucharist** (also streamed online)

**Monday, December 27** - *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

**Tuesday, December 28** - *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

Noon              Bible Study (in person and online)

**Wednesday, December 29**

10:00 am        Staff meeting

**Thursday, December 30**

7:00 pm              Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, January 1** – *The Name of Jesus*

**10:00 am**        **Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, January 2** – *The Second Sunday of Christmas*

**9:00 am**              **Holy Eucharist**

**11:00 am**        **Holy Eucharist** (also streamed online)

## ***The Commemorations***

**December 26:** *St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr* - Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

**December 27:** *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist* - The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

**December 28:** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs* - This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

## Christmas Continues

**Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, The Name of Jesus** – Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 2, Second Sunday of Christmas** – Holy Eucharist at 9 & 11 am

**Thursday, Jan. 6, Epiphany of Our Lord** – Holy Eucharist at 7 pm



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