



## First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 + 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. 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.

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**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...” 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.

**Hymns 901-1100** are found in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, and are indicated as “ACS HYMN ...”

## Focus on the Season: First Sunday of Advent, year B

The new Church Year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of God’s coming. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, our mission, what it means to be awake, is carrying God’s promises in our bodies, hands, gifts, voices in this fragile, broken world that also yearns for light, life, and salvation.

# The First Sunday of Advent, year B

December 3, 2023 ✦ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE: Improvisations on *CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM*

AT THE PROCESSION *(Standing to face the cross at the sound of the bell)*



- P** The Spirit and the / Church cry out:  
**C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** All those who await his ap-/pearance pray:  
**C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** The whole cre-/ation pleads:  
**C Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.**

## KYRIE

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

C: Ky - ri - e e lei - son.

A: Chri - ste e - lei son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

C: Chri - ste e lei - - - son.

A: Ky - ri - e e - lei son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

C: Ky - ri - e e - lei - - - son.

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## GREETING

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## HYMN

“Creator of the Stars of Night”  
(Stanza 3 – Organ only)

HYMN 245

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

(seated)

Response: **☒ Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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



Low voices: <sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph <sup>1</sup> like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- <sup>1</sup> on the cherubim.

Treble voices: <sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, <sup>1</sup> and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and <sup>1</sup> come to help us.

**All:** <sup>3</sup>**Restore <sup>1</sup> us, O God;**  
**let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

Low voices: <sup>4</sup>O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your <sup>1</sup> people pray?

Treble voices: <sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the <sup>1</sup> bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of <sup>1</sup> tears to drink.

Low voices: <sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision <sup>1</sup> of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh <sup>1</sup> us to scorn.

**All:** <sup>7</sup>**Restore us, O <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;**  
**let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

Low voices: <sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at <sup>1</sup> your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong <sup>1</sup> for yourself.

Treble voices: <sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- <sup>1</sup> way from you;  
give us life, that we may call up- <sup>1</sup> on your name.

**All:** <sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD <sup>1</sup> God of hosts;**  
**let your face shine upon us, and we <sup>1</sup> shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Response: **☒ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

(standing)

HYMN 168

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Solo: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

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

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

*The Alleluia is sung again following the reading.*

*Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.*

SERMON

**It's About Time**

*Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

(standing)

HYMN 436

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Soloist/Choir

Stanza 3 – All, using Bach setting below

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "3. Glo - ri - ia! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, with". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone. Gates of pearl, twelve

Detailed description: This system contains measures 13 through 18. The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

19

por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to bliss be -

Detailed description: This system contains measures 19 through 24. The vocal line has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns, including some rests in the vocal line.

25

yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a -

Detailed description: This system contains measures 25 through 30. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

round your throne. No eye has caught the light,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 31 through 36. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a mix of chords and moving lines.

no ear the thun - d'ring might of such glo -

Detailed description: This system contains measures 37 through 42. The vocal line starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic accompaniment.

ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know! There  
 sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608  
 Translation Martin A. Seltz (b. 1951)

tune: *WACHET AUF*, Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608  
 Harmonization by J. S. Bach

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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*

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AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(10:45) "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"

William Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,  
 and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty in battle.*

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.*



## OFFERTORY

(standing)

### “Sweet Coming”

Sweet com-ing for which we long: soft com-ing of star-voiced Child; still  
com-ing in fra - grant meal; swift com-ing for won - drous weal. Sure  
com-ing, both hope and trial; soon com-ing, our wist - ful song.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **☑ Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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#### Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy and gracious God, . . . Christ’s death until he comes.
- ☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** We remember the life . . . justice and peace to all.
- ☑ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send your Holy Spirit . . . and the whole creation.
- ☑ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** To you, O God, . . . holy Church, now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.**

#### Lord’s Prayer

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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”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

HYMN 241

*Stanza 1 – All, in harmony*

*Stanza 3 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 4 – All*

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!”

HYMN 246

*After all have communed:*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

*(standing)*

Response: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of Sending

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## SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

*The Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood may be sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.*

☐ We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that our sisters and brothers may also share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

☑ **We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

## BLESSING

Response: ☑ **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by  
Brad & Kandi Jo Nelson, in celebration of their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

**Adult Forum: 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge**

**Dec. 3, 10, and 17:**

"Credo," a 3-part presentation, led by Pastor Crippen.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor David Cherwien
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lora Dundek
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Paul Odlaug
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Al Bipes, Rob Ruff
<b>Livestream</b>	Jan Harbaugh / Ken Schulz
<b>(10:45) Choir</b>	Cantorei Youth Choir, Rebekah Schulz, director

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Robin Rayfield, Tim Sneer	Al Bipes, Eric Zander
<b>Lectors</b>	Louise Lystig Fritchie	Sherry Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dale Kruse, Michael Lansing	Sue Browender, Jerry Duncan
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cynthia Prosek Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	Carol Martinson Candy Husemoller
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Linda & Mark Pipkorn	Bonnie & Donn McLellan

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor David Cherwien
<b>Sacristan</b>	Al Bipes
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kat Campbell Johnson
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Andrew Andersen, Allen Dundek
<b>Livestream</b>	Donn McLellan / David Molvik
<b>(10:45) Choir</b>	Cantorei Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, director

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jan Harbaugh, Tom Olsen	Eric Manuel, Steve Manuel
<b>Lectors</b>	Carol Austermann	Al Bostelmann
<b>Ushers</b>	John Bjork, Lisa Nordeen	Chuck Reyer, Robin Rayfield, Melissa Stone
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff                      Paula Carlson	Bonnie McLellan
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Scandinavian Coffee Hour (both)	

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Julia Adams; Anne Bartz; Elizabeth Beissel; family of Joel Crandall & Angel Scott; Brad & Linda Holt; Leanna Kloempken; Kathy Kruger; Steve Lenius; Carla Manuel; Jude Mostek; Rhoda Nelson; Renee Ollikain; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; David & Shirley Tabis; Grace Wiechman; James Wilkes; Rhonda Fish, friend of Andrew Andersen; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Cassandra Thompson, friend of Al Bostelmann; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly, nephew of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Mattisyn, friend of Kat Campbell Johnson; Marilyn Volker, sister of Allen Dundek; Crystal Schippling, sister of Lora Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Francis Wergen, known to David Engen; Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; Bill Irwin and Dennis Fisher, brothers-in-law of John Gidmark; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Quentin Hamilton, friend of Judy Hinck; Ethan Holtmeier, grandson of Patsy & John Holtmeier; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Cavin Horton, friend of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Gordon Norheim, brother of JoAnn Norheim; Tim Gaudineer, brother-in-law of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jennie Kobylinski, niece of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, infant great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke; Jolie Melana Meshbesh, friend of Robin Rayfield; John Seboldt, brother of Gayle Schulz; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Pat McCabe, friend of Melissa Stone; Elaine Thurston, mother of Kathy Thurston; Keith Van Ee, father of Tricia Van Ee Molbert; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss, mother-in-law of John Wall; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; Conrad Kunz, friend of Eric Zander (*and Dennis Bidwell*); Barbara C. Johnson, Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton** as she takes a leave of absence, and for Bishop Michael Burk, serving as interim presiding bishop.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Sabrina Bipes, John Crippen, Mark Spitzack, Carol Peterson, Hans Tisberger, Charles Gjovig, Osasumwen Obadiaru, Osemwivie Obadiaru, Kathryn Thurston, Isla Scott, and Terrence Serres.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **At the death of:** Gary Crippen, father of Pastor Joseph Crippen.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
*The commemorations are listed on page 15 of worship folder.*

# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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**Today, Sunday, December 3** – First Sunday of Advent, year B;

Global Missions Gifts that Give Sale

St. Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia

**8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Education for all ages (Adult Forum and Godly Play)

**10:45 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

**4:00 pm** ***MFA Event: Advent Procession***

**Monday, December 4** – St. John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter

Noon Bible Study

5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)

7:00 pm Vicar Committee meeting

7:00 pm Global Ministry Committee meeting

7:00 pm Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

**Tuesday, December 5**

Noon Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 6** – St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

10:00 am Staff meeting

5:30 pm Children's Choirs supper

6:00 pm Children's Choir rehearsals

**7:00 pm** ***Advent Vespers***

7:30 pm Cantorei rehearsal

**Thursday, December 7** – St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

5:30 pm Feminine Divine Study Group

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, December 8**

7:00 pm Recovery Group

**Saturday, December 9**

10:00 am Book Discussion group

**Sunday, December 10** – Second Sunday of Advent, year B

Global Missions Gifts that Give Sale

**8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

9:30 am Education for all ages (Adult Forum and Godly Play)

**10:45 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation

12:30 pm Youth Justice Conversation

## **The Commemorations**

**December 3:** *St. Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552* - A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

**December 4:** *St. John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749* - A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

**December 6:** *St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342* - Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

**December 7:** *St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, died 397* - While a governor of northern Italy, Ambrose was elected bishop of Milan on the same day he was baptized. He was a famous preacher, a writer of hymns we still sing today, and helped lead St. Augustine to faith.

Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts  
presents

# Advent Procession

Today at 4:00 p.m.

*All are welcome.*



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