



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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.

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!

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...” 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: The Second Sunday of Advent, year B

John stands by the waters of baptism as herald of the coming of God. He calls us to turn around, to find the way of the Lord, the way where “righteousness and peace” meet with a kiss and God’s salvation comes to all. Today Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say with our lives, “See, your God is coming!” in a world in need of God’s justice and peace.

The Second Sunday of Advent, year B

December 10, 2023 ✝ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Two settings of “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Improvisation
Paul O. Manz

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



- The Spirit and the / Church cry out:
- Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.**

- All those who await his ap-/pearance pray:
- Amen. / Come, Lord Jesus.**

- The whole cre-/ation pleads:
- 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

- ☐ 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

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

HYMN 264

Refrain – All

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – All, in harmony

Stanza 3 – Low voices: All at “All lands will bow before him...”

Stanza 4 – Treble voices; All at “So let your praise be sounding...”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

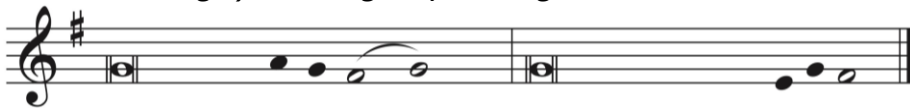
(seated)

Response: **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

An antiphon is sung by the soloist/choir at the beginning and after verses 2, 10, and 13.

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



SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Response: **C Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

(standing)

HYMN 168

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Solo: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The Alleluia is sung again following the reading.

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Patient Waiting

Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(standing)

“Await the Hand of God”

Stanza 1 – Low voices

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – All

Stanza 4 – All



1 A - wait the hand of God, who, lov - ing, will cre - ate
2 A - wait the hand of God, who all our fear al - lays,
3 A - wait the hand of God, who won - drous deeds has done:
4 A - wait the hand of God, and, wait - ing, sing God's praise,



from form - less dark-ness, light, from wind - ing path - ways, straight;
whose thoughts are not our thoughts, whose ways are not our ways,
the low - ly, God has raised, the might - y are un - won;
who makes the des - ert bloom, who light - ens nights to days,



the reed now bruised, God will not break,
yet gent - ly takes us by the hand
the for - mer things have come to pass,
whose hand in time makes all things new—



nor quench the dim - ly burn - ing wick.
and keeps us through the des - ert land.
and God de - clares new things at last.
O God, our God, we trust in you.

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Music: MORRIS, Terese Gemme

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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*

AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

(10:45) "Prepare Ye the Way"

Hal Hopson

*Prepare ye the way, the Savior is coming.
 Watcher, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
 Traveler, o'er yon mountains height see that glory beaming star!
 Watcher, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
 Traveler, yes, it brings the day, promised day of Israel!
 Watcher, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends.
 Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
 Watcher, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Traveler, ages are its own, see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prepare ye the way, the Savior is coming.*

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: **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

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



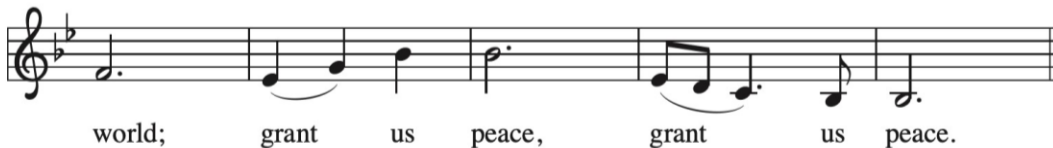
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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



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(10:45) “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

Michael Larkin

*There’s a voice in the wilderness crying, a voice from the ways untrod;
 Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
 Every valley shall be exalted, every mountain and hill made low;
 Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
 O Zion that brings good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
 Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their king.
 Like the flowers of the field they perish, the work of all decay,
 The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;
 But the word of the Lord endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
 He stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.
 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to his breast;
 In pastures of peace he’ll lead them, and give the weary rest.
 Every valley shall be exalted, every mountain and hill made low;
 Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go! - James L. Milligan, alt.*

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“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

HYMN 249

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All, in harmony

After all have communed:

COMMUNION BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☒ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☒ Amen.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Joseph Crippen
* Organist	Robert Buckley Farlee
Sacristan	Adam Krueger
Assisting Minister	David Anderson
Eucharistic Minister	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
Communion Ministers	Al Bipes, Judy & Walt Hinck, Don Luther
Livestream	Reid Peterson / Ken Schulz
* (10:45) Choir	Cantorei; Andrew Stoebig, conductor

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:45</u>
Acolytes	Thomas Fenner, Tim Sneer	Consuelo Crosby, Nicholas Johnson
Lectors	Jan Harbaugh	Mary Dodgson
Ushers	Harrison & Rebekah Wold Defries	Carol Austermann, Irene Campbell, Greg Murphy
Altar Guild	Cynthia Prosek	Paula Carlson
Coffee Hosts	Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede	
Hosts Needed!		Carol Martinson, Paul Odlaug

** Cantor Cherwien will be on vacation December 11-17.*

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:** Lynn Ruff, Nan Wilson, Marcia Burow, Lisa Ruff, James P. Berka, Kevin Vilchis Vasquez, and Reid Peterson.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**
The commemorations are listed on page 14 of worship folder.

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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

- 8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by Scandinavian Coffee Hour
9:30 am Education for all ages (Adult Forum and Godly Play); Gifts that Give Sale
10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by Scandinavian Coffee Hour
12:30 pm Youth Justice Conversation

Monday, December 11

- Noon Bible Study
5:30 pm Family Music Time (online only)
7:00 pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, December 12

- Noon Bible Study
6:30 pm Native Justice Committee

Wednesday, December 13 – *St. Lucy, martyr*

- 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 14 – *St. John of the Cross, renewer of the church*

- 6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, December 15

- 7:00 pm Recovery Group

Sunday, December 17 – *Third Sunday of Advent, year B*

- 8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation
9:30 am Education for all ages (Adult Forum and Godly Play); Gifts that Give Sale
10:45 am ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation
12:30 pm Youth and Family Christmas Party

The Commemorations

December 13: *St. Lucy, martyr, died 304* - Lucy was a young Christian of Sicily who was martyred during the persecutions under Emperor Diocletian. Her celebration became particularly important in Sweden and Norway, perhaps because the feast of Lucia (whose name means "light") originally fell on the shortest day of the year.

December 14: *St. John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591* - John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order, and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Larry Duncan, in celebration of all December birthdays.*

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

Dec. 3, 10, and 17: “Credo,” a 3-part presentation, led by Pastor Crippen.

Midweek Advent Worship

Vespers

Wednesday evenings, Dec. 6, 13, and 20
7:00 p.m.

All are welcome.

Christmas and Epiphany Worship at Mount Olive

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 2023

Choral Prelude at 9:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Eucharist at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023

Festival Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

The Name of Jesus: Monday, January 1, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

The Epiphany of Our Lord: Saturday, January 6, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 7, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

** Please note: On Sunday morning, December 24 (Fourth Sunday in Advent), and Sunday morning, December 31 (First Sunday of Christmas), we will celebrate one Eucharist, at 10:00 a.m.*



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