



## *Third Sunday of Advent*

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

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“Rejoice always,” begins the reading from First Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. In the midst of our preparations and longings we rejoice that the faithful one who brings good news to the oppressed and brokenhearted is already in our midst, helping us hold fast to what is good. With John the Baptist we point the way to the coming light that brings great joy to all the world.

# The Third Sunday of Advent, year B

December 17, 2023 ✝ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

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PRELUDE:

Sonata II: "Ruhig bewegt"

Paul Hindemith

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: 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**

“Hark! The Glad Sound!” HYMN 239  
*Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☐ Let us pray. Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

(seated)

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 126

*The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and after verse 6.*



The LORD has done great things for us.

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



SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Response: **☩ Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(standing)

“Alleluia”

HYMN 168

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

*Solo: I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.*

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

**Light from Light**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“As the Dark Awaits the Dawn”

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Treble voices

Stanza 3 – Low voices

Stanza 4 – All

(standing)

HYMN 261

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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) “Isaiah’s Voice”

John Ferguson

*A word of comfort echoes, it is Isaiah’s voice speaking the balm of pardon, and God’s forgiving choice.*

*The valley lifted up; uneven ground made level; glory revealed. Rejoice!*

*God’s Word will come to pass. Fleeting is human nature, withered, fading grass.*

*And with a shepherd’s arms, God gathers and sustains us close to his heart so vast.*

*A rose, nestled in fields of amber, when winter’s zephyr blows,*

*There is a bloom so vivid within the grass a rose. – John Thornberg*

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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“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

HYMN 256

“Each Winter As the Year Grows Older”

HYMN 252

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Low voices*

*Stanza 2 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 5 – All*

*Stanza 3 – All*

*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

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

POSTLUDE: "Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele" Johann Gottfried Walther

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by  
Amy & Ted Thompson, in celebration of their 20<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.

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## Christmas and Epiphany Worship at Mount Olive

**Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, 2023**

Christmas Eve Eucharist at 4:00 p.m.

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.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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

*\* Cantor Cherwien is on vacation December 11-18.*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Lauren Mildahl
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor David Cherwien
<b>Sacristan</b>	Art Halbardier
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jan Harbaugh
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Brad & Linda Holt
<b>Livestream / Audio Mix</b>	Dan Hellerich / David Molvik
<b>Acolytes</b>	Robin Rayfield, Amy Thompson
<b>Lector</b>	John Gidmark
<b>Ushers</b>	David Engen, Allen Heggen, Carol Martinson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan Harbaugh, Bonnie McLellan
<b>Coffee Hour Host</b>	<b>Hosts Needed!</b>

## 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; John Marty; 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 Schipling, sister of Lora Dundek; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Francis Wergen, known to David Engen; Dennis Fisher, brother-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.
- **Of thanksgiving at the birth of a child:** Luke Christopher, to Christine and Chris Walberg.
- **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:** Cletius Puhmann, James E. Berka, Timothy Lindholm.
- **For those in hospice care:** Mary Lee.
- **At the death of:** Joyce Schoenfield, sister of Marilyn Gebauer; John Rimarcik, relative of Mark, Lisa, Rob, and Lynn Ruff.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
**December 20:** *Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552* - Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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## **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     YI Confirmation  
12:30 pm     Youth and Family Christmas Party

## **Monday, December 18**

- Noon          Bible Study  
5:30 pm      Family Music Time (online only)  
7:00 pm      Monday Night WAVE (N.A. meeting)

## **Tuesday, December 19**

- Noon          Bible Study

## **Wednesday, December 20** – *Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church*

- 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 21**

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

## **Friday, December 22**

- 7:00 pm      Recovery Group

## **Sunday, December 24** – *Fourth Sunday of Advent, year B*

- 10:00 am**    **Holy Eucharist**, followed by coffee and conversation (Please note service time!)



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### **Staff**

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Cantor - David Cherwien

Vicar – Lauren Mildahl

Administrative Assistant – Cha Posz

Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministry – Jim Bargmann