



# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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## Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30pm

Thursday, November 24 at 10am

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~Pre-Service Music

~Hymn 461 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

~Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: And His mercy endures forever.**

~Collect (p. 166)

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul: Give us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Old Testament Lesson

**Deuteronomy 8:1-10** "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed

you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.”

### ~Men's Choir

**“For the Fruit of All Creation”** – Welsh melody, Leavitt/words, Fred Green

*For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.*

*Gifts bestowed on ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we were sleeping,*

*Future needs in earth's safe keeping, Thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.*

*In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.*

*In our world-wide task of caring, For the hungry and despairing,*

*In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.*

*For the harvest of the spirit, Thanks be to God!*

*For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God!*

*For the wonders that astound us, For Thy truths that still confound us,*

*Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God! Amen.*

### ~Epistle Lesson

**Philippians 4:6-13** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report,

if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy— meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

### **~Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 6:25-34** “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

### **~Hymn 464 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest***

### **~Homily Text**

**Psalm 145:8-12** The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Your works shall praise

You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power, to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

**~Homily Theme**

***“With Grateful Hearts We Acknowledge God’s Gifts  
This Thanksgiving”***

**~Offering & Hymn 466 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer***

**~Prayers**

**~Lord’s Prayer**

**C: ♪ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~Collect (p. 85)**

**P:** Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer’s death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ’s name.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~**Benediction** (p. 87)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

~**Hymn 63 Now Thank We All Our God**

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*Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*

*Organists: 6:30PM: Cassie Johnson / 10AM: Mark DeGarmeaux*

*Men's Choir: "4 or More" / Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh*  
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**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

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**Join us for our Advent Worship Services  
at 6:30pm!**

***"A Beautiful Sight,  
Seen From a Distance"***

~**November 30<sup>th</sup> – Numbers 24:17 - "What Balaam Saw..."**

*He saw a star and a scepter, a coming great King who would protect and avenge His people.*

~**December 7<sup>th</sup> – Daniel 7:13,14 - "What Daniel Saw..."**

*He saw the coming God/man, fully capable of saving us.*

~**December 14<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 49:6 - "What Isaiah Saw..."**

*He saw the coming Light of the world, who would win salvation for Gentiles too.*

***Advent Meals are served from 5-6:15pm  
in our Social Hall***