



ADVENT 1

Sunday, November 27, 2016, 8:30 & 10:45am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you 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.

Explanation of the Week:

The new church year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey." Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The Lord, our Righteousness" (Jer 23:5-8). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mt 21:1-9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Rom 13:11-14).

~Hymn 91 vv. 1-3 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

~Invocation (p. 60)

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

C: ♪ Amen.

~Confession of Sin (pp. 60-62, form II)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

~Introit, Psalm 25 (*all sing*)

Tone 4



To You, O LORD, I `lift up my soul./
O my God, I trust in You; Let me `not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies tri-`umph over me./
Let no one who waits on `You be ashamed.
Show me `Your ways, O LORD;/
teach `me Your *paths*.
For You are the God of `my salvation;/
on You I `wait all the day.
Let integrity and upright-`ness preserve me,/
for `I wait for You.
Redeem Is-`ra-el, O God,
out of `all their troubles.
Glory be to the Father `and to the Son/
And to `the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the be-`ginning, is now/
And shall be forever`-more. A-men.
To You, O LORD, I `lift up my soul./
O my God, I trust in You; Let me `not be ashamed;
Let not my enemies tri-`umph over me./
Let no one who waits on `You be ashamed.

~Kyrie Eleison (p. 63, form II)

C: ♪ Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

~Salutation (p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Collect (p. 66)

P: Let us pray: Stir up, we beseech You, Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and be saved by Your almighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen.**

~Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-18 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

"For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'"

~Vocal Solo, "Alleluia" from Exsultate Jubilate by W.A. Mozart

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-9 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

~Affirmation of Baptism of Eden Julie Langhorst (2nd service)

~Apostles' Creed (pp. 68-69)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

~Hymn 90 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Romans 13:11-14 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

~Sermon Theme

"How to Prepare for Our Lord's Advent"

1. Recognizing the time.
2. Using the time.
3. Putting on Christ.

~Offertory (pp. 70-71)

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~Offering

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~Prayers

~Lord's Prayer (p. 85)

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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

~Hymn 94 vv. 1-4, 6, 8 *O How Shall I Receive Thee*

~Collect (p. 86, form II)

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

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 110 v. 1 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Preacher: Pr. Luke Ulrich/Liturgist: Pr. John J. Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson/2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Vocal Solo: Jennifer Haugen/Accompanist: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 302/233 10:45am; 175/140 Monday: 30/24

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$13,924.73

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,760

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: **1st Service:** Arden Olson (captain), Eldon Sting,
Mark Graham, Greg Costello

2nd Service: Don Lehne (captain), Mark Johnson, Aaron Heyn,
John Weber, Matthias Leyrer

Greeters: **1st Service:** Ernie & Marge Lillo, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Mike & Anita Smith, Connie Long, Peggy Harstad

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 27, 2016 – December 4, 2016

Sunday November 27 First Sunday in Advent	8:30AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday November 28	10AM	Veterans' Bible Study <i>(No Monday evening service during Advent)</i>
Tuesday November 29	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i>
Wednesday November 30	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45 & 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	MOM's Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation Advent Meal – BLC Auxiliary Advent Service Choir
Thursday December 1		
Friday December 2		
Saturday December 3	9:45AM-3:15PM	Mt. Olive Volunteers at New2You
Sunday December 4	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/Bible Class/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Steve & Lois Jaeger in memory of their parents.

Affirmation of Baptism: Eden Julie Langhorst, infant daughter of Martin and Keri Langhorst, was born on Oct. 21, 2016 and was baptized by Pastor Ulrich on Oct. 23, 2016. Her sponsors are Andrew & Caroline Bowman, William Langhorst, and Erwin Langhorst. We rejoice that through this washing of regeneration this child was received into God's Kingdom of Grace. May she ever grow and be blessed therein.

Monday Evening Worship Services: There will be NO Monday evening worship services November 28-December 26. Please join us for our Wednesday evening Advent services at 6:30PM on November 30, December 7 & 14, and also our Christmas Eve and Day worship services.

Boys' & Girls' Choirs: The Boys' & Girls' Choirs (grades 5-8) will be singing at the beginning of **both services on Sunday, December 11**. Children should meet the directors at 8:15 in the social hall. . All students will be dismissed after singing in the second service.

Book Fair Record!! \$3,600 IN SALES!! A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair ! We had our biggest sales ever and have received about \$900 in a combination of Scholastic dollars and cash which will be used to purchase more books for the school library. Another \$300 in books were purchased for individual classrooms which the teachers were thrilled to receive. **Thank you too, to all of our volunteers**, without your willing help this wouldn't have been possible!

Attention Jr. Youth: The next Jr. Youth event will be taking place on **Friday, December 9 at 6:30PM**, at Bethany Lutheran College in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center (YFAC) Room 103. We will have a Christmas Party with cookies and treats and will then watch the Divers perform their annual Christmas show in the theater (which starts at 7:30PM). Parents can pick up their kids after the show at Bethany.

Thai Village Mission Project: Our school chapel offerings are going to a mission in Thailand called Thai Village. (See bulletin board in the social hall) Thailand is 99% Buddhist and needs to hear about Jesus. This mission of our fellowship trains poor villagers in handicrafts. The handicrafts are sold and part of the money goes to the villagers to support their families. The rest of the profits are used to fund the church and seminary in Thailand. The villagers making the handicrafts also hear God's Word every day, and they share it with their children and neighbors in their village.

On Sunday, **December 4 and Wednesday December 7**, there will be a display of handicrafts for sale in the narthex. Any purchases you make will support bringing the Gospel to Thailand. If you decide to make a purchase, we only have the ability to accept **cash or checks**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Beilke.

Sr. Youth Caroling & Party: Join us Sunday, **December 11** for some Christmas Caroling! We will meet at Mt. Olive at 4PM, go caroling to our shut-ins, and then return to the Bloedels for some pizza and a party. Bring a “white elephant” gift along to exchange and a snack or dessert to share. Please have your parents pick you up by 8PM.

Do you participate in the OfficeDEPOT OfficeMax rewards+ program? The “Trash for Cash” representative for the PTF Committee would like to hear from you. Please email Annette Feistner at: isjesusyourlord@gmail.com or text her at 712-574-5848.

Poinsettias: It’s that time of year again! If you would like to order a poinsettia to be displayed at church this Christmas, please sign up on the sheet on the narthex table by Monday, **December 5**. Poinsettias are \$9.50 each. Don’t forget to drop off your payment in the church office. Thank you.

Student Teacher in Need of Housing: Please consider housing a male student teacher, Aaron Markgraf, who has been assigned to Mt. Olive from MLC from January 12 through March 24 of this school year. MLC reimburses the host family for room and board during the student teaching term. If interested, please call the school office at 507-345-7927.

Holiday Lights Display in Sibley Park: Mt. Olive is once again participating in Sibley Park’s Holiday Lights display for this Christmas season. Our church will have a decorated tree on display at the park, and we need volunteers to work during the open hours of the light display on Thursday, **December 15** from 4:40-9PM. Please sign up on the narthex table if you can help out in this way.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455). *~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

Mt. Olive School Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Tiffany Riesgraf triesgraf@yahoo.com.

Bethany Lutheran College

Fine Arts Events:

Christmas at Bethany concert tickets are available at blc.edu or reserve through the Fine Arts office at 344-7365. Very limited tickets remain for Saturday's concert. The concerts are daily at 4:00PM from Wednesday, Nov. 30 through Sunday, Nov. 4. The Concert Band will begin to play at approximately 3:45PM. Tickets are free, with a free will offering received.

The Divers 4th annual Christmas Concert is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 7:30 pm at the YFAC Theater. Join The Divers (Peter Bloedel, Eric Halvorson, Loren Halvorson and Andy Overn) for a concert of old favorites and newer tunes with a Christmas carol singalong as part of the evening. Free Yuletide fun for everyone. Doors open at 7:00PM with first come, first served for seating.

The ELS Ottesen Museum invites you to its 6th annual Christmas Open House on Tuesday, **December 6, 2016**, from 2:30 to 5:30. This year's theme is "A Norwegian-American Pioneer Christmas". Learn about how the first Norwegian settlers celebrated Christmas. Music, decorations, and food will take you back to the middle years of the 19th century. Hear from the settlers in their own words about their experiences. You can also make an authentic Norwegian Christmas ornament to take home with you. The Ottesen Museum is located at 4 Browns Ct. in Mankato, just next to the Synod offices.

Community Events/Happenings

Vine Conducting Survey On Rural Transit: Countywide public transportation is coming to rural Blue Earth, Nicollet & Le Sueur counties. Please help us shape the new transit system to best fit our community's needs by taking a short online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tricountytransit>. Have questions or need a paper copy of the survey? Contact Mike at: 507-720-5470 or mikel@vinevolunteers.com.

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

“A Beautiful Sight, Seen From A Distance”

~November 30th – 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 7th – Daniel 7:13,14 - "What Daniel Saw..."

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

~December 14th – 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***

