





# Mount Olive

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## Christmas Eve Vespers

Saturday, December 24, 2015 4:30pm

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**Welcome!** In the name of our incarnate Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this evening. 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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*~Pre-Service music by the Mt. Olive Strings*

*~Hymn 125 vv. 1, 2 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**~Versicles & Gloria patri** (p. 120, 121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.**

*~Psalmody: Hymn 138 Joy to the World*

## ~Old Testament Lesson

**Isaiah 7:10-14** Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

## ~Sr. Choir: "*On Christmas Night*" – arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring.*

*News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.*

*When sin departs before Thy grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.*

*All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night.  
"Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and forevermore. Amen."*

## ~Epistle Lesson

**Titus 2:11-14** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

**~Sr. Choir: “Shepherds Abiding in the Field” – Ira B. Wilson**

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field,  
Keeping watch over their flocks by night.*

*And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,  
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them,  
And they were sore afraid.*

*And the angel said unto them,  
Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings,  
Good tidings of great joy.*

*For unto you is born this day,  
In the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavn'ly host,  
Praising God and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace on the earth and good-will to men.*

*Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Peace on the earth, peace and good-will to men.  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!  
Amen.*

**~Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 2:1-14** And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they

were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

~Hymn 144 vv. 1, 3, 5-8 *Thy Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We*

~Sermon Theme (based on Luke 2: 8-12)  
*"The Glory of the Lord"*

~Offering & Hymn 127 *I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes*

~Versicle (p. 122)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense:

**C: ♪ And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

~Canticle: Nunc Dimittis (p. 124)

**C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace: according to Your Word;**

**For my eyes have seen Your Salvation: which You have prepared before the face of all people;**

**A Light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.**

~Hymn 140 *Silent Night*

~Kyrie (p. 124)

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

~Lord's Prayer (p. 125)

**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: O God, as You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech You, that we who have known the mysteries of that Light here on earth may come to the fullness of Its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 127)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

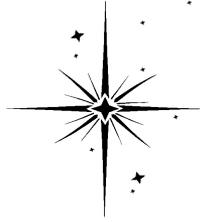
~Benediction (p. 127)

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

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~Hymn 124 *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

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*Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organist: Mark DeGarmeaux / Choir Director: Sarah Leyrer*  
*Accompanist: Mark DeGarmeaux*  
*Mt. Olive Strings / Mt. Olive Brass*  
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*Please join us this evening for the Candlelight Service at 7PM*

*Christmas Day Worship Service w/Holy Communion: 10AM*

*New Year's Day Service w/Holy Communion: 8:30 & 10:45AM*

The Poinsettias displayed on and around the altar have been donated by our members in memory/honor of the following:

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