

To Whom Does Jesus Come?



Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
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Midweek Advent Vespers

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.

Order of Service: Vespers, p. 120

~Confession of Sin (p. 120)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Hymn 96 *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*

~Versicles (pp. 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, Psalm 80:1-7 (read responsively)

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

C: Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength, and come and save us!

P: Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure.

C: You have made us a strife to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

All: 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.

~Four or More, *My Soul in Stillness Waits* – M. Haugen

~Lecture

Isaiah 2:2-4

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the Lord's house
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,

And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow to it.
Many people shall come and say,
“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
And rebuke many people;
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

~**Responsory** (p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~**Hymn 109 *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes***

~**New Testament & Sermon Text**

Matthew 1:19-23 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

~**Sermon Theme**

To Whom Does Jesus Come?

Jesus Comes with Enlightenment to Him Who Doesn't Understand.

~Offering

~Magnificat (p. 123)



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| 1. My | soul | magni- | fies | the | Lord: |
| 2. For | He | has | re- | gard- | ed: |
| >3. For, | be- | hold, | from | hence- | forth: |
| 4. For | He that is mighty has | done to me | great | things: | |
| 5. And His | mercy is on | those that | fear | Him: | |
| >6. He has | shown | strength with | His | arm: | |
| 7. He has | put down the | mighty from | their | seats: | |
| 8. He has | filled the | hungry with | good | things: | |
| >9. He has | helped His servant Israel in remembrance | of | His | mer- | cy: |
| 10. Glo-ry | be to the Father | and | to | the | Son |
| 11. As it | was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be: |



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| 1. and my spirit rejoices in | God | my | Sav- | ior. |
| 2. the low estate of | His | hand- | maid- | en: |
| >3. all generations shall | call | me | bles- | ed. |
| 4. and ho- | ly | is | His | name. |
| 5. from generation to | gen- | er- | a- | tion. |
| >6. He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of | their | hearts. |
| 7. and exalted those | of | low | de- | gree. |
| 8. the rich He has sent | emp- | ty | a- | way. |
| >9. as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his | seed | for- | ev- | er. |
| 10. and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost; |
| 11. forev- | er- | more. | A- | men. |

~Kyrie (p. 124)

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

~Prayer and 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 (pp. 126-127, form II)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

C: ♪ 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.

~Closing Hymn 579 *Abide in Grace, Lord Jesus*

*Officiant: Pastor John Petersen / Organist: John Baumann
Men's' Choir: Four or More*



Join us for these Worship Services
2017 Schedule

Wednesday, December 20 (Midweek Advent)

5:00 - 6:15 PM– **Benefit dinner** served by the Saidler family

6:30 PM – Readings & Hymns

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

10:00 AM – Divine Service

4:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:00 AM – Divine Service

Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve

8:30 AM – Divine Service

NO Bible studies or Sunday School classes

10:45 AM – Divine Service

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service

Monday, January 1, New Year's Day

Office Closed

Monday, January 8

Evening services resume

