



*Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, E.L.S.*

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# Midweek Advent Vespers

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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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## ~Opening Hymn 139 *Once In Royal David's City*

### ~Introduction & Prayer

Beloved in Christ! As Christmas approaches we want to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, so that in heart and mind we go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the story of God's loving plan from the day of the fall into sin unto the glorious salvation won for us by this Holy Child, and let us respond with songs and prayers of joy and praise.

### ~Lord's Prayer

## ~Hymn for Advent 110 vv. 1, 5 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### ~Lessons & Carols

1. Genesis 3:8-15

**Hymn 125 vv. 2, 4 *Christ, by Highest Heav'n Adored***

2. Genesis 22:15-18

**Hymn 165 vv. 1-5 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord***

3. Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Hymn 153 vv. 1, 4-7 *The People That in Darkness Sat***

4. Isaiah 11:1-4

**Hymn 121 vv. 1-2, 4 *Behold, a Branch Is Growing***

5. Luke 1:26-38

**Hymn 131 *Now Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer***

6. Luke 2:1-7

**Hymn 145 *What Child Is This?***

7. Luke 2:8-16

**Hymn 147 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***

8. Matthew 2:1-11

**Hymn 168 vv. 1, 4-5 *As With Gladness Men of Old***

9. John 1:1-14

**Hymn 113 vv. 1-2 *A Great and Mighty Wonder***

**~Offering**

**~Prayer**

O God, You gladden our hearts with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our judge; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**~Benediction**

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 141 *Once He Came in Blessing***

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*Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen  
Organist: John Baumann  
With the Mount Olive Brass Players*

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**Join us for these Worship Services**  
*2017 Schedule*

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

No evening service

Office Closed

Monday, January 8

Evening services resume