



# Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30pm & Thursday, November 23 at 11am

## Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. 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.

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

#### ~Invocation—*Calling upon God*

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—*Prayer of the Day*

*(ELH p. 166)*

P: Almighty God, most merciful Father, You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing; We give You most humble and hearty thanks that You have crowned the fields with Your blessing, and have permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech You to bless and protect the living seed of Your Word sown in our hearts, that in the abundant fruits of righteousness we may always present to You an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

#### ~Psalm 67



**<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples `praise You, O God;/ Let all the `peoples praise You.**

**<sup>4</sup> Oh, let the `nations be glad/ and `sing for joy!**

**For You shall judge the peo`ple righteously,/ And govern the `nations on earth.**

**<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples `praise You, O God;/ Let all the `peoples praise You.**

**<sup>6</sup> Then the earth shall `yield her increase;/ God, our own `God, shall bless us.**

**<sup>7</sup> God `shall *bless* us,/ And all the ends of the `earth shall fear Him.**

### **~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: *Sing to the LORD of Harvest***

*(For lyrics see ELH 464)*

### **~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 463 *For the Beauty of the Earth***

~**Epistle Lesson & Homily Text**

**Colossians 3:15-17** Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

~**Homily Theme: *Always Giving Thanks***

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

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. Visitors: Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~**Prayers & Special Petitions**

~**Lord's Prayer**

*(ELH p. 85; Mt. 6:9-13)*

**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.**

~**Men's Choir: *Psalm 100***

*Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.*

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness;*

*Come before Him with joyful songs.*

*Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is He who made us, and we are His;*

*We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.*

*Refrain*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving*

*And His courts with praise;  
Give thanks to Him and praise His name.  
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;  
His faithfulness continues through all generations.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Refrain*

**~Collect of Thanksgiving**

*(ELH p. 85, 1)*

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** — *Final blessing for God's people*

*(ELH p. 87; Num. 6:24-26)*

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: John Baumann / 10AM: Mark DeGarmeaux  
Men's Choir Director: Carl Bloedel*  
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*Please note that this Sunday, November 26, we have no Sunday School classes or Bible studies.  
Divine services are at the usual times of 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM*

# Join us for these Worship Services

## *2018 Schedule*

Wednesday, December 5 (Midweek Advent)

5:00 - 6:15 PM– Hot Sandwiches served by the Bethany Auxiliary

6:30 PM – *John the Revelator's Message of the Coming Savior: He is Coming* (Rev. 22:12-13), Pastor John Petersen

Wednesday, December 12 (Midweek Advent)

5:00 - 6:15 PM– Sloppy Joes served by the Evangelism Committee

6:30 PM – *John the Revelator's Message of the Coming Savior: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus* (Rev. 22:20) Pastor Luke Ulrich

Wednesday, December 19 (Midweek Advent)

5:00 - 6:15 PM– Pizza served by the Church Council

6:30 PM – Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Office Closed

4:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:00 AM – Divine Service

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve

Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day

Office Closed







Join us for an  
**Advent Meal**  
Wednesday, Dec.5  
5:00 – 6:15 P.M.



## **Pulled Pork Dinner**

Pulled pork sandwich, (hotdogs), baked beans, coleslaw, fruit, and assorted desserts

Served by the  
**Bethany Women's Auxiliary**