



Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, E.L.S.

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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 “Get Connected!” card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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 139 *Once In Royal David's City*

~Introduction & Prayer

P: 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.

~Men’s Choir *E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

(arr. Paul Manz)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,

Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,

Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,

For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;

They need no light, for Christ will be their All!

~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 & Organ Voluntary

~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*

Officiant: Pastor John J. Petersen
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel

Join us for these special worship services:

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 w/Holy Communion

Monday, **December 31** (New Year's Eve)

Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service w/Individual
Absolution and Holy Communion

Tuesday, **January 1** (New Year's Day)

Office Closed – No Service

