

***“John the Revelator’s Message  
of the Coming Savior”***



*Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 6:30 PM*

*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 worshipping with us. 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.

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*Order of Service: Vespers (p. 120)*

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH 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 109 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

~Versicles — *Opening prayers*

(ELH p. 120)

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*

(ELH p. 121)

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.**

~Vocal Duet — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (arr. Lloyd Larson)

~Scripture Lesson

**Isaiah 62:10-12** Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples! Indeed the Lord has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.' " And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~Hymn 87 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

~Sermon Text

**Revelations 22:20-21** The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen.

~Sermon Theme

*"John the Revelator's Message of the Coming Savior: "Amen. Come Lord Jesus!"*

~Offering & Organ Voluntary

*(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.)*

~Magnificat — *"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"*

*(ELH p. 123)*

**C: ♪ My soul magnifies the Lord: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden: For, behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty has done to me great things: and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those that fear Him: from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm: He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy: as He spoke to our father, to Abraham, and to his seed forever. 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.**

~Kyrie — *"Lord, Have Mercy"*

*(ELH p. 124)*

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

~Lord's Prayer

*(ELH p. 125; 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.**

**~Special Petitions**

**~Collect** — *Evening prayer*

*(ELH p. 125-126, #2)*

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** — *Call for blessing*

*(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

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

*(ELH p. 127; 2 Cor 13:14)*

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 593 *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image***

**~Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

*(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)*

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Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Organist: Elisabeth Urtel  
Vocal Duet: Triah Zondervan & Jennifer Haugen  
Accompanist: Joni Bodi  
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## Join us for these Advent & Christmas Worship Services:

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 w/Holy Communion

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

Office Closed

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

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

Office Closed – No Service

Monday evening services will resume on January 7 at 6:30 PM.

