



Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, C.L.S.

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Mr. Larry Rude, Principal

~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*

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: John Baumann

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 p. 120

~Confession of Sin (p. 120)

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: 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.

~**Lectio**

Luke 1:26-38 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

~**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**

~**Sermon Text**

Jeremiah 23:5-6 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

~**Sermon Theme**

"The Coming LORD Is Our Righteousness."

~**Offering**

~**Magnificat** (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** (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.