

JESUS FORETOLD



AS PROPHET,
PRIEST, & KING

Midweek Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 4, 2019; 6:30 PM

An Explanation of Advent: *Advent means "the coming or arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." This season, which marks the start of our church year, is meant to remind us that Christ our Savior is coming. It is a season of eager anticipation and hope. It is also a season of preparation as we prepare our hearts and minds for our Lord to come to us. During this season, the liturgical paraments and vestments in many churches will change to purple to recognize Advent as a time of preparation and repentance as well as a symbol of the royalty of the coming King. Other churches—including ours—change to blue, which is a symbol of anticipation and hope. We also follow the tradition of lighting special candles during this season to symbolize the coming of Christ who is the Light of the World. This is a tradition that dates back to the Lutheran church following the Reformation. However, the current form seen today was developed more recently. The wreath is made out of evergreens in the shape of a circle to represent eternal life. It consists of four candles placed on the wreath: three purple or blue candles to match the liturgical colors and one pink candle lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent. This 3rd Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, meaning "rejoice" in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Lighting this 3rd candle, Christians were to relax the fast that they had undertaken in this penitential season to rejoice that the promised Messiah is coming soon. Our Advent wreath also has a 5th candle. Placed in the center is the Christ candle, which is lit during the time of Christmas, symbolizing that Christ, the light of the world, has entered the darkness. Our prayer for you is that this season of preparation is a time of increased self-examination and devotion. It is a season to come and hear God's Word and to receive His Sacrament. Join with your fellow Christians as you prepare your heart for His coming!*

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Welcome! 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 and also on our “Welcome” table). 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. If you are in need of any assistance, our Ushers are ready to help you.

Order of Service: Vespers (p. 120)

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

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

~**Opening Hymn 12** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

~**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.

~**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 25:1-10*

(ELH p. 121)

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.

C: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

P: Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.

C: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

P: Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindnesses, for they are from of old.

C: Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

P: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

C: The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.

P: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

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.

~**Men's Choir** — *O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort* – (arr. Franck)

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort;

O let me ne'er in sorrow pine,

My heart and soul, yea, all my being,

O Jesus, trust alone in Thee.

Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven,

True God, true Man, My Morning Star!

O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant,

Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

~Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible for God." Then Mary said, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~Hymn 289, vv. 1, 5 *Join All the Glorious Names*

~Sermon Text

Psalm 110:4 The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the manner of Melchizedek."

~Sermon Theme

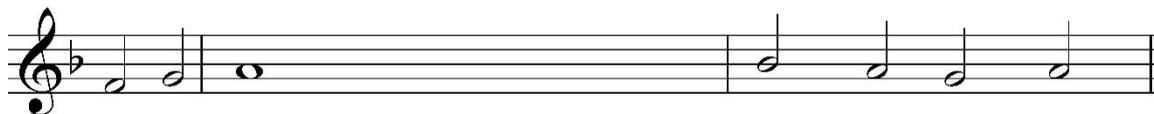
"Jesus Foretold as Priest"

~Offering & Organ Voluntary

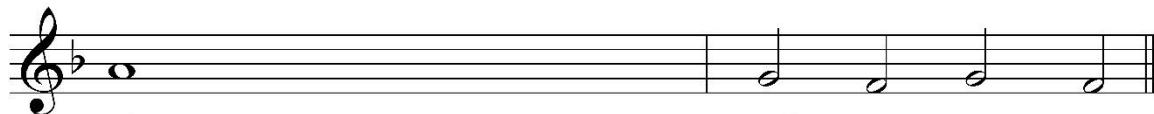
*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card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

~Magnificat — “My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord”

(ELH p. 123)



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| 1. My | soul | magni- | fies | the | Lord: |
| 2. For | He | has | re- | gard- | ed: |
| >3. For, | be- | hold, | from | hence- | forth: |
| 4. For | He that is mighty | has | done to me | great | things: |
| 5. And His | mercy is on | those | that | fear | Him: |
| >6. He | has shown | strength | with | His | arm: |
| 7. He | has put down the | mighty | from | their | seats: |
| 8. He | has filled the | hungry | with | good | things: |
| >9. He | has helped His servant Israel in remembrance | of | His | mer- | cy: |
| 10. Glo- | ry be to the Father | and | to | the | Son |
| 11. As | it was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | shall | be: |



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| 1. and my spirit rejoices in | God | my | Sav- | ior. |
| 2. the low estate of | His | hand- | maid- | en: |
| >3. all generations shall | call | me | bles- | ed. |
| 4. and ho- | ly | is | His | name. |
| 5. from generation to | gen- | er- | a- | tion. |
| >6. He has scattered the proud in the imagi- | nation | of | their | hearts. |
| 7. and exalted those | of | low | de- | gree. |
| 8. the rich He has sent | emp- | ty | a- | way. |
| >9. as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his | seed | for- | ev- | er. |
| 10. and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost; |
| 11. forev- | er- | more. | A- | men. |

~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.**

~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 565 *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night*

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

(See “Prayers for Worship”

—ELH p. 40)

*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Organist: John Baumann
Men’s Choir Director: Carl Bloedel*

Join Us for These Special Worship Services: *2019 Schedule*

Wednesday, **December 11**, Midweek Advent

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

6:30 PM – *Jesus Foretold as King* (Psalm 2:1-12); Pastor John Petersen

Wednesday, **December 18**, Midweek Advent

5:00 - 6:15 PM– Pasta & salad bar served by the Handbell Choir

6:30 PM – *Jesus Foretold as Prophet* (Deuteronomy 18:18-19);

Vicar Jacob Kempfert

Tuesday, **December 24**, Christmas Eve

Office Closed

4:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Wednesday, **December 25**, Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:00 AM – Divine Service, w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, **December 31**, New Year's Eve

Office Closed

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

Wednesday, **January 1**, New Year's Day

Office Closed

No Service

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Please note that our Monday evening worship services will continue through the Advent and Lenten seasons; the only exception is that there will be **no** service on December 23.