

ADVENT 1

Sunday, November 28, 2021, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

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 **"Get Connected!"** card (on the tables at the back of worship area). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.

Explanation of the Week: *The new church year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey." Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden, for He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The Lord, our Righteousness" (Jer 33:14-18). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mt 21:1-9). We prepare our hearts to receive our Lord, recognizing that "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Rom 13:11-14).*

Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)



“Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word. In this early morning hour, we rejoice to hear God’s Word proclaim to us the Good News that “He Is Risen!”

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

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

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

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

(ELH p. 109)

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 sentences*

(ELH p. 109-110; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

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!

~**Invitatory** — *Invitation to worship*

(ELH p. 110; Ps. 95:6)

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

C: ♪ **For He is our Maker.**

~**Venite exultemus** — *“Come! Let us exalt”*

(ELH p. 111; Ps. 95:1-7)

C: ♪ **O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Jeremiah 33:14-18 Listen, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David’s line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness. This is what the Lord says. David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel. Neither will the priests, who are Levites, fail to have a man to stand before me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to offer sacrifices continually.

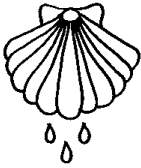
~**Responsory Hymn 92 vv. 1-3** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

~**Epistle Lesson**

Romans 13:11-14 And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in

strife and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

Affirmation of Holy Baptism *2nd Service Only*



(Holy Baptism has the power to work the new life of faith in the hearts of sinners. This regenerative washing “with water through the Word” is intended for all people, since all — including infants and children — are members of a sinful human race and are in need of God’s grace and forgiveness. Jesus has also commanded that “all nations” be baptized. Confession of sins and Absolution are a return to, and a renewal of, one’s Baptism. Matt. 28:19, John 3:5, Eph. 5:26, Titus 3:5, Acts 2:38-39)

~Baptismal Affirmation of Rasmus Christian Zondervan

(ELH p. 133ff)

~Apostles’ Creed — Confession of faith

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 90 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Mark 9:30-37 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.” But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking

the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.”

~Sermon

God's Unexpected Standards of Greatness.

~Offering Hymn 91 vv. 4, 5 *Fling Wide the Portals of Your Heart*

~Offering Prayer

(We take this time to acknowledge and thank God for moving the hearts of His people to continue to support the mission and work of our church. Our ushers will bring the offering plates forward to the altar and the pastor will offer a prayer of thanks. Please Note: You may place any offerings into the plates on the stands at the main aisle entrance to the Sanctuary either before or after the service. Online giving is also available through mtolivelutheran.org or by text message through your smartphone by texting the amount you would like to give to 833-726-3742 (a link will be provided for first-time users to register an account.)

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Kyrie – “Lord”

(ELH p. 116-117)

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

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 117; 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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer*

(ELH p. 118-119, II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Benedicamus** — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

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

(ELH p. 119; 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.**

~**Hymn 110 vv. 6** *O Come Thou Dayspring*

~**Announcements**

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

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

*Preacher, Liturgist: Seminarian Caleb Helman
Organists: 1st: John Baumann /2nd: Elisabeth Urtel*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday: 8:30am, 195/163; 10:45am, 124/89; Monday: 38/24

Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 32

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters:

1st service: Greg & Janet Costello, Joni Bode

2nd Service: Bob & Donna Fosburgh

Media Center: David Norris

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$16,868.94 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Deficit (as of 10/31/21): \$18,045

Philippians 4:19 And my God will fully supply your every need, according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "[donate online](#)".

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 28, 2021 — December 5, 2021

Sunday, November 28	8:30AM	Divine Worship No Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-8PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball
Monday, November 29	6:30PM	Divine Worship
Tuesday, November 30	9AM	Ladies Bible Study (Gospel of Matthew)
Wednesday, December 1	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study (Book of Lamentations)
	1PM	MOMS Bible Study
	4PM	Confirmation Class
	5PM	Chili Supper
	6:30PM	Advent Service
Thursday, December 2	5PM	Christmas at Bethany
Friday, December 3	5PM	Christmas at Bethany
Saturday, December 4	3PM	Christmas at Bethany
Sunday, December 5	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	2:45PM	Youth Event
	7:30PM	Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

The Planned Giving Committee will meet **December 6th** at **6:30pm**, in the Fireside Room.

7th-12th Grade Youth, join us **Sunday, December 5** at Bethany Lutheran College for Christmas at Bethany--a musical celebration of the season--featuring five Bethany ensembles. We'll start the afternoon by meeting at Trinity Chapel at **2:45 p.m.** for the concert, which starts at 3:00 p.m. Following the performance, we'll gather in YFAC 104 for snacks and an opportunity to talk with the performers. Pick up your student from the YFAC at 5:15 p.m. See you then!

Christmas Poinsettia Baskets If you would like to contribute towards Christmas poinsettia basket arrangements to help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas, please use the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Indicate if donation is in honor or memory of someone. Suggested donation is \$10, however, any amount is acceptable. Checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church may be left in the church office. Last day to order is Wednesday, December 8th. These Christmas poinsettia and greens arrangements will be displayed in large baskets, therefore, individual poinsettias will not be available to take home after Christmas.

After School Care would like to tie fleece blankets in December as a service project. These blankets will be given to The Reach for homeless or at risk youth in the Mankato area. If you would like to donate fleece, please bring it to the school office or the ASC room. Thank you!

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Due to circumstances beyond the control of MVL and our supplier, the delivery of MVL wreaths has been delayed. Wreaths will arrive at MVL on Monday, November 29, and our wreath captains will deliver them to our congregations either Monday or Tuesday of that week. Wreaths should be available for pick up beginning on **December 1**. We really appreciate your understanding.

Thank you to all the attendees at our Spirit of MVL Gala held on November 20. God opened the hearts of his people to once again show their support of the ministry of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. God's blessings to you!

Bethany Lutheran College

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the following positions, please see our website for additional information.

- Maintenance Technician

- Custodian - Academic Buildings
- Production Studio Specialist
- Adjunct Faculty (Public Relations)

Bethany Lutheran College is proud to present their annual Christmas at Bethany concerts! Taking place in Trinity Chapel, these concerts proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth through song and scripture. Concert dates are **December 2 and 3 at 5pm and December 4 and 5 at 3pm**. The concerts are free, but a reservation is preferred. Seats can be reserved by visiting blc.ticketleap.com.

Community Opportunities

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod invites applications for the position of Business Administrator. Request job description from Keith Wiederhoeft, 6 Browns Court, Mankato MN 56001. Keithw@blc.edu. 507-344-7395. Please submit resume and references to President Glenn R. Obenberger at the same address by January 10. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting or finance. Benefits include health, life insurance, and pension plan. Start date after March 1, 2022.

ELS Ottesen Museum Christmas Open House is Tuesday, December 7th from 2:30-5:30pm. 4 Browns Ct Mankato.

New 2 You expanded hours for the Holidays until **December 18th**. Monday closed, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30am - 4:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. Hope to see you all soon!
Mt. Olive is scheduled to provide volunteers the first Saturday of each month to run the cash register and check out customers. This is a great opportunity to work with fellow church members and to meet new people. Take some time to shop while you are there!

Please come and grab a **hot** bowl at our **chili** supper.

Wednesday, December 1

5:00 – 6:15 PM



(Chicken noodle also being served.)

**Sponsored by the Mankato Chapter of the
Bethany Auxiliary.**

**"ALL proceeds from the free will donation will go
toward auxiliary projects for Bethany students."**

**The Bethany Auxiliary exists to raise awareness of current activities
and advancements at Bethany Lutheran College and to raise funds
for projects that directly benefit the Bethany student community.**

WINTER CLOTHING

DRIVE



December
5th -19th

DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT THE CLIENTS
OF WELCOME MANOR FAMILY SERVICES

Donate Gently Used:
Coats
Hats
Mittens, gloves
Snow pants
Scarves