



ADVENT 2

Sunday, December 05, 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: *Jesus wants us to prepare for the Day when He will return to earth with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of Judgment that will “burn them up.” The signs preceding this Day will bring fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in. “Look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:25-36). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness is bringing healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures (Romans 15:4-13) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man. We will join people of many nations going up to the mountain of the Lord, enjoying the peace that our Lord provides (Micah 4:1-7).*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)

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

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

~**Opening Prayer**

(ELH p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

~**Hymn 101 The King Shall Come**

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

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~**Hymn 268 vv. 6 My Sins are Countless**

~**General Absolution**

(ELH p. 43, II; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Salutation** — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 147-166, #3)

P: Let us pray: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may worship You with pure minds; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

II. The Service of the Word



(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)

~Old Testament Lesson

Micah 4:1-7 In the last days, the mountain of the House of the LORD will be established as the highest among the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it like a river. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will render judgment between many peoples. He will settle disputes between mighty nations from far away. They will pound their swords into plow shares and their spears into blades for trimming vines. Nation will not raise the sword against nation, and they will not learn how to wage war any longer. Each man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree. There will be no one to make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of Armies has spoken. For all the other peoples walk in the names of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. On that day, says the LORD, I will bring in the lame and gather the scattered, even those I have afflicted. I will establish the lame as survivors and the scattered as a powerful nation. The LORD will rule over them on Mount Zion from that time on and forever.

~Epistle Lesson

Romans 15:4-13 Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name. And again it says: Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people. And again: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise. And again Isaiah says: There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope. Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

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

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come.

♫ Amen.

~Chief Hymn 96 vv. 1-4 *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Luke 21:25-28 “There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And on the earth nations will be in anguish, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the surging waves, people fainting from fear and expectation of the things coming on the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is near.”

~Sermon

“The King Is Coming! – Do We Fear or Cheer?”

~Offering Hymn 96 vv. 5 *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

~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 and Special Petitions

(ELH p. 48)

III. The Service of Holy Communion



(Following Christ’s command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.)

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord’s Supper are found in the black hymnal, pp. 38–40.

Guests & Visitors: *We practice “Close” or “Closed Communion”. We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of*

the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.

~Preface — *Preparing our hearts for Communion* (ELH p. 50; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. **C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

~General Preface (ELH p. 51)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus — *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* (ELH p. 51-52)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

~Lord’s Prayer (ELH p. 53; 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.

~Words of Institution (ELH p. 54; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

~**Agnus Dei** — *“Lamb of God”*

(ELH p. 55; Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

~**Distribution**

Hymn 327 *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

Hymn 94 vv. 2, 4, 5 *O How Shall I Receive Thee*

Hymn 328 vv. 2, 4, 5 *Hasten as a Bride*

Hymn 94 vv. 6, 8, 9, 10 *Rejoice, Then, Ye Sad-Hearted*

~**Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed*

(ELH p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~**Collect of Thanksgiving** — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

(ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

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

(ELH p. 56-57; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

~**Closing Hymn 110 vv. 5** *O Come, Thou Key*

~**Closing Prayer**

(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

~**Announcements**

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

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

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson /2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am,191; 10:45am, 130; Monday: 24
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 32

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st service: Mark & Michelle Graham and Ron & Mary Younge
2nd Service: Mark & Vivian Smith

Media Center: Adam Pavelchik

Offering Counters: John Foede, John Baumann, Jana Finken

Altar Guild: Heidi Graham, Sharon Madson

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$17,703.37 (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: *December 5, 2021 — December 12, 2021*

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
	3PM	Christmas at Bethany
	7:30PM	Volleyball

Monday, December 6	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/ Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Board of Education
	6:30PM	Planned Giving Committee – Fireside Room
	7PM	Board of Deacons
Tuesday, December 7	9AM	Ladies Bible Study (Gospel of Matthew) Cancelled —ELS Ottesen Museum Christmas Open House
	6:30PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday, December 8	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study (Book of Lamentations)
	4PM	Confirmation Class
	5PM	Supper
	6:30PM	Advent Service
Thursday, December 9		Mt Olive volunteers at Kiwanis
Friday, December 10		
Saturday, December 11		
Sunday, December 12	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:45AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	6-8PM	Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Flowers: Flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Hal & Marsha Natvig in loving memory of Hildred Natvig (1936), Gunda Natvig (1945), David Natvig (1957), Herman Natvig (1958), Arthur Natvig (1959), Alvin Natvig (1970), Jorvin Emerson (1986), Volborg Natvig (1996), Drew Thomas (1917), N. Thomas (1919), Greg Thomas (1920), and Kent Emerson (1920)

On the Narthex table Meditations, December’s Olive Press, and Volunteer sign up sheets.



Sign Up for Coffee & Treats! If you would like to provide coffee and treats during our Sunday morning Bible Study, visit our website mtolivelutheran.org for further information and the Coffee Servers Sign Up link at the bottom of the page. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:00 AM to prepare the coffee (regular and decaffeinated) and serve 4-5 dozen treats.

Cleaning out your closet? December 5th –19th , we will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and snow pants for the clients of Wellcome Manor in Garden City, MN.



7th-12th Grade Youth, join us **today**, 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!

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

Join us! For the CDS Children's Christmas Service. Scheduled for **December 19th** at 3pm.

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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School



Christmas Wreaths are ready for pick! If you ordered a wreath from our MVL students, pick up by door 6. Don't forget to grab a ribbon for you wreath.

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

Thank you to all who supported the Moms On a Mission Holiday Pie Sale on November 21st. The generosity of both Peace and Mt. Olive congregations brought the total to over \$1000 raised to help cover childcare costs. We thank you for your support of our Bible study. To God be the Glory!

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 Due to unforeseen circumstances, this year's Ottesen Museum Christmas Open House is being **cancelled**.

This time of year can be a deep source of joy for people and can also carry difficult memories or truths for them. Older adults who are feeling the loneliness of social disconnect, loss, relationship struggles, the emotional pain of a chronic medical condition, or burdens that are causing sadness, have a resource available at no charge. The PEARLS(Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives) program at VINE is a 1:1 program for people who are experiencing the symptoms of depression. PEARLS coach, Glenda has current openings and encourages anyone who wants to know more, to call 507-386-5571.

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!



Advent/Christmas Series

*Go Out to Meet
Your Coming King!*

All Services will be
Live-Streamed at
MtOliveLutheran.org
& on our Facebook
page.



- **MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:**
 - Wednesday, Dec. 1st - 6:30p + "How Will I Know Him?"
Isaiah 62:10-12
 - Wednesday, Dec. 8th - 6:30p + "How shall I Greet Him?"
Psalm 118:25-29
 - Wednesday, Dec. 15th - 6:30p + Service of Lessons &
Carols
 - *(Meals are served before each service starting at 5pm-Freewill donations)*
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - Friday, Dec. 24th**
 - 4p - Mt. Olive Strings - Sacred Christmas Music
 - 4:30p Service
 - 7p CANDLELIGHT Service
- **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - Saturday, Dec. 25th**
 - 10a Christmas Festival Service with Holy Communion
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE - Friday, Dec. 31st**
 - 6:30p Service with Individual Absolution & Holy Communion

*(Please Note: Our Office will be closed on December 24th & 31st.
Please contact our Pastors directly if there is an emergency.)*