



## ADVENT 2

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Evangelical Lutheran Synod

**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. **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.

**Explanation of the Week:** *In this Advent season we ready our hearts for the Kingdom of God to come. However, it is important for us to realize that this "Kingdom of God" is already here, "among us" - "within us" (Luke 17:20-21). It is here because Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments. His presence with us now ensures us that we will be present with Him in eternity. His presence with us now also gives us comfort and healing as we face trouble in this life. We rejoice in His presence, and through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures (Romans 15:4-13), we are strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit, and we watch diligently for Jesus' next, and final, coming. On that coming day, 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).*



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)*

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

*(Sunday School Choir, vv. 1,2; Congregation, vv. 3, 4)*

~**Invocation** — *Calling upon the Triune God*

*(ELH p. 60; Matt. 28:19)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~**Confession of Sin**

*(ELH pp. 60-61, form 1)*

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

**C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

**C: I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

**C: Amen**

~**Introit** — *Entrance Psalm*

(ELH p. 62)

P: Daughter of Zion,

**C: Behold, surely your salvation is coming.**

P: The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard,

**C: And you shall have gladness of heart.**

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

**C: You who lead Jacob like a flock.**

P: Restore us, O God;

**C: Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!**

P: Return, we beseech You, O God of Hosts,

**C: Look down from heaven and see.**

P: Let Your hand be upon the Man of Your right hand,

**C: Upon the Son of Man whom You made strong for Yourself.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen**

~**The Kyrie Eleison**— *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(ELH p. 63, l; Mk 10:47)

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

~**Salutation** — *The people’s blessing for the Pastor’s work*

(ELH p. 66; 2 Tim 4:22)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

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

(ELH p. 66; p.147, #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.**

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## 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

*(EHV)*

***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 plowshares 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

*(EHV)*

***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.

~Alleluia — “God Be Praised”

(ELH p. 67)

**C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

~Nicene Creed — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 69)

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.**

~Hymn 96 *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon Text

(EHV)

**Luke 17:20-21** The Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come. Jesus answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in a way you can observe, nor will people say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘Look, there it is!’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

~Sermon Theme

*Recognizing the Kingdom of God*

~**Offertory** — *Prayer of renewal before offering*

*(ELH p. 70-71; Ps 51:10-12)*

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

~**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](http://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**

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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” (or “Membership 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

(ELH p. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

## ~The Proper Preface

(ELH p. 75)

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 with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## ~Sanctus — “Holy”

(ELH p. 76)

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

## ~Lord’s Prayer

(ELH p. 77-78; Mt. 6:9-13)

P: 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.

**C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## ~Words of Institution

(ELH p. 78; 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.”

~**The Pax Domini** — *“The Peace of the Lord”*

(ELH p. 79; Jn 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Agnus Dei** — *“Lamb of God”*

(ELH p. 79ff; 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**

*(Communicants come at the direction of ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)*

**Hymn 100, vv. 1-4 *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us***

**Hymn 94, vv. 4-6 *I Lay in Fetters Groaning***

**Hymn 100, vv. 5-7 *In Yonder Home Shall Never***

**Hymn 88 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come***

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

(ELH p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~**Nunc Dimittis** — *“Now I Depart”*

(ELH p. 81-82; Lk 2:29-32)

C: ♪ **Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

~**Collect of Thanksgiving**

(ELH p. 83, II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ **We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.**

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.



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

(ELH p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

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

(ELH p. 84; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

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

(ELH p. 84; 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.**

~**Hymn 110, v. 4** *O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse's Stem*

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

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

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*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich*  
*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am, 256; 10:45am, 150; Monday: 23; Wednesday: 134**

**Online Viewing: Sunday, 30**

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**WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service—Mark & Vivian Smith, Ron & Mary Younge  
2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Keith Anderson

**Offering Counters:** John Baumann, Jana Finken

**Altar Guild:** Heidi Graham, Sharon Madson, Peggy Harstad

**Media Center:** Dave Norris

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## **Weekly Financial Update**

**Given Last Week:** \$12,793.75 (does not include LOC Challenge giving)

**Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week:** \$8,417.12

**Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 10/31/22:** (\$36,757.05)

*2 Corinthians 9:8 God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work.*

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org) and click on the link “*donate online*”.

## **Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge Update**

A few weeks ago, the Line of Credit Challenge was issued to the congregation to raise \$20,000 by December 15 (Phase 1) that would be matched by an anonymous donor. This donor also challenged the congregation to raise another \$20,000 between January 1 to June 15, 2023 (Phase 2) that would also be matched by this donor. By God's grace, as of December 1, we have received \$25,542.12! Because of your generosity, we paid off \$40,000 on our Line of Credit over the past few days! Thanks to all who gave offerings to Phase I—praise be to God for such a quick and wonderful outpouring of Christian love!! Please wait until January 1, 2023, to begin donating to Phase 2 so that your gifts will count towards the \$20,000 needed for the match. Please be aware that funds received above the \$20,000 for Phase 1 will not count towards Phase 2.

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## **Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV**

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

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *December 4, 2022 — December 11, 2022***

<b>Sunday,</b> December 4	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3PM 7:30PM	Sunday School Choir Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Adult Bible Class Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Christmas at Bethany Volleyball (coed recreational)
<b>Monday,</b> December 5	10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7PM	Veterans Bible Study Divine Worship w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
<b>Tuesday,</b> December 6	9AM 2:30-5:30PM 6:30PM	Ladies' Bible Study Ottesen Museum Christmas Open House Jesus Cares Ministry
<b>Wednesday,</b> December 7	8:10AM 9AM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	CDS Chapel Adult Bible Study Meal (Sloppy Joes) Advent Service Adult Choir
<b>Thursday,</b> December 8	8:30AM	MOMS Bible Study at Peace
<b>Friday,</b> Dec. 9		
<b>Sat.,</b> Dec. 10		
<b>Sunday,</b> December 11	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:45AM 6-9PM 7:30PM	Stewardship Sunday Divine Worship Sunday School/BIC/Adult Bible Class Divine Worship Artemis gaming Volleyball (coed recreational)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School**

**Flowers on the altar today** are given to God's glory by Jim & Carolyn Gates in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Looking for a one-of-a-kind Christmas gift?** We will have a display of handcrafts from Thai Village to purchase after and between services **today**; Wednesday, **December 7**; and Sunday, **December 11**. Thailand is a predominantly Buddhist country that needs to hear about their Savior. Thai Village is a WELS mission that

supports the Thai people with craft training to produce income, while also sharing God's Word with them. Our school children have designated Thai Village as their mission project for the first semester. To find out more about the Thai Village mission, click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHnpTj5rp7jiqSn71N46-gw>

**Winter Clothing Drive, December 4-18:** Do you have new or gently used coats, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, snow pants, or boots that your family is no longer using? Mt. Olive is collecting donations of these items that will benefit clients of The Reach, a drop-in center for homeless youth in the Mankato area. Place your items in boxes located outside the classrooms and in the coat rack hallway.

**The ELS Ottesen Museum's Christmas Open House** is planned for Tuesday, **December 6**, from 2:30-5:30 pm. This year's theme is "The Seminary Presidents Preach", celebrating the 75th anniversary of Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and recognizing its six Deans and Presidents through excerpts of some of their Christmas sermons. We will also be singing appropriate hymn verses with each excerpt. Come tour the Museum and enjoy some Christmas fellowship.

**Join us** on Wednesday, **December 7**, for a meal at 5pm (sloppy joes, served by the Evangelism Committee), and for worship at 6:30pm.

**Year-end Synod offering:** Delegates and pastors at the annual ELS convention set a budget of \$82,000 for gifts from congregations to our ELS missions and ministries for 2022. Currently, the Synod has received \$742,749, so only \$77,251 is needed to make the \$82,000 goal. Special envelopes will be provided **December 11** in your bulletin for this offering to the ELS missions. Please remember our five-year strategic plan, "Tell of Jesus and His Love", that our churches, pastors, and boards are prayerfully implementing (2022 Synod Report, pp. 125-139).

**Christmas Poinsettia Baskets:** If you would like to contribute towards Christmas poinsettia basket arrangements to help beautify our sanctuary this Christmas, a sign-up sheet and envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Indicate if your donation is in honor or memory of someone. Suggested donation is \$15; however, any amount is acceptable. Make your check payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Insert your check or cash in the provided envelope and place it in the Flower Box in the church office. The last day to order is Wednesday, **December 14**. These Christmas poinsettia and greens arrangements will be displayed in large baskets; therefore, individual poinsettias will not be available to take home after Christmas.

**Who Is He?** Find the answer to that question by attending the Children's Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 18**, at 3pm.

**You are invited** to the Jesus Cares Ministry Christmas Program on Tuesday, **December 20**, at 6:30pm at Mt. Olive.

**Kiwanis Light Volunteer Opportunities:** Mt. Olive has two more opportunities to volunteer with the Kiwanis Holiday Lights located in Sibley Park this Christmas Season. As a non-profit organization contributing volunteer hours, Mt. Olive will receive a portion of the proceeds raised by Kiwanis. We need **8 volunteers on Thursday, December 29**, from 4:30-9pm. Also, we need **3 volunteers on Sunday, January 2**, from 1-4pm, to help tear down the lights. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please reach out to Matthew Holt at 507-340-8014 with any questions.

**Like to knit?** Mayo Clinic-Mankato's Cancer Center is asking for volunteers interested in making heavier weight hats for their chemotherapy patients for the colder months. Hats should be made with soft yarn and must be made in a smoke-free/pet-free environment. Bring your donations to the church office. Thank you!

**After School Care is looking for:**

1. **Fleece donations** to tie blankets for clients of The REACH, a center for homeless Mankato area children. Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you!
2. **Pop tabs** for the Ronald McDonald house charities. Save your pop tabs and drop them off in the office.

**The Moms On a Mission Bible study** would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all that purchased pies at our Holiday Pie Sale. Altogether, the Peace and Mt. Olive bake sales brought in over \$1200! This amazing amount fully funds our childcare for next semester. Thank you so much for your support of our Bible study. A special thanks to Denice Woller and Sharon Madson for their pie mentoring. To God be the Glory!

**Many thanks** to the Madson families, the Tuesday morning Bible Study group, and the Mt. Olive Faculty & Staff members who donated toward the Christmas arrangements in the large outdoor entryway pots. We want to especially acknowledge the efforts of Karl & Laura Struck and the Traverse de Sioux Garden Center--St. Peter in arranging and refilling the planters with a wide variety of winter greens.

# A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT SEEN FROM A DISTANCE



THE PROPHETS PROCLAIM CHRIST'S COMING



## Midweek Advent

### Meals & Services:

Meals: 5-6:15pm | Service: 6:30pm

- Wednesday, December 7th -
- Wednesday, December 14th -  
- (*Service of Lessons & Carols*)

## Children's Christmas Service:

Sunday, December 18th, 3pm

## Christmas Eve Services:

Saturday, December 24th, 4:30pm & 7pm (*Candlelight Service*)  
(*Preservice Christmas Music by the Mt. Olive Strings at 4pm*)

## Christmas Day Festival Service:

Sunday, December 25th, 10am

**Do you have church/school keys or fobs** that you are no longer using? Please turn them in to the church office so that they can be reassigned to faculty, staff, and volunteers.

**Parents:** please supervise your children when they are in the gym during evening church events. After the recent Thanksgiving Eve service, the gym needed cleaning, and some gym equipment was damaged.

**Help the church office update our email address database.** If you would like to receive Mt. Olive announcements (such as the monthly *Olive Press* newsletter or giving statements) electronically, please let the church office know, and we can add or update your email address in our files. Thank you!



### **FOR FAMILIES:**

Look for the "Countdown to Christmas" Family Devotion booklet on the Narthex Table. These devotions are designed to work with the "Melissa & Doug Advent Calendar," (not included - You can order online). Devotions can be used without the tree. Please grab a copy for your family and share with friends & neighbors.



### **FOR ADULTS:**

Grab a copy of the "Come and See..." Advent Devotion booklet that is shared with us through Steadfast Lutherans.

### **Mount Olive Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

The mission of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through God's Word, so that souls are called into and kept in the Christian faith unto eternal life.