



Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, E.L.S.

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Midweek Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 16, 2020; 6:30 PM

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.

~Opening Hymn 139 *Once In Royal David's City*

~Introduction & Prayer

P: Beloved in Christ! As Christmas approaches, we want to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, so that in heart and mind we go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the story of God's loving plan from the day of the fall into sin unto the glorious salvation won for us by this Holy Child, and let us respond with songs and prayers of joy and praise.

~Men's Choir *“Sing Now With Great Rejoicing”*

(Pachelbel/Bach)

*Sing now with great rejoicing
That Christ the Lord is coming
To earth for man's salvation!
Sing now with great rejoicing!
Awaits the earth, Messiah's birth:
The King of all creation!
Sing now, O sing: Alleluia!
Oh, hasten, Infant Jesus,
To earth be born and save us;
And send Thy tender mercy To us,
O Holy Jesus:
Awaits the earth Messiah's Birth;
O Prince of Peace, now gladly
We sing to Thee: Alleluia!*

~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.

~Hymn for Advent 110, vv. 1, 5 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

~Lessons & Carols

1. Genesis 3:8-15
Hymn 125, vv. 2, 4 *Christ, by Highest Heav'n Adored*
2. Genesis 22:15-18
Hymn 165, vv. 1-5 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*
3. Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Hymn 153, vv. 1, 4-7 *The People That in Darkness Sat*
4. Isaiah 11:1-4
Hymn 121, vv. 1, 2, 4 *Behold, a Branch Is Growing*
5. Luke 1:26-38
Hymn 131 *Now Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer*
6. Luke 2:1-7
Hymn 145 *What Child Is This?*
7. Luke 2:8-16
Hymn 147 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*
8. Matthew 2:1-11
Hymn 168, vv. 1, 4-5 *As With Gladness Men of Old*
9. John 1:1-14
Hymn 113, vv. 1, 2 *A Great and Mighty Wonder*

~Prayer

O God, You gladden our hearts with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our judge; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Benediction

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 141 *Once He Came in Blessing*

Officiant: Pastor John J. Petersen

Organist: John Baumann

Preservice Music: Marissa Thompson (flute)

& Benjamin Faugstad (guitar)

Mask Policy On Upcoming Christmas Services: We request that face coverings be worn at the 4:00 PM service on Christmas Eve, and at the 8:30 AM service on Christmas Day. Those with mask exemptions should plan to worship at the 5:30 PM or 7:00 PM services Christmas Eve, and the 10:00 AM service on Christmas Day. Thanks, and blessings on your Christmas worship!

Join Us for These Special Worship Services: *2020 Schedule*

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve Office Closed

4:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

(Face Coverings No Exemptions Please)

5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

(Face Coverings with Exemptions)

7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

(Face Coverings with Exemptions)

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day Office Closed

8:30 AM – Divine Service, w/Holy Communion

(Face Coverings No Exemptions Please)

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

(Face Coverings with Exemptions)

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service, w/HC

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day Office Closed

