



Midweek Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 8, 2021; 6:30 PM

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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.

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 80:1-7*

(ELH p. 121)

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

C: Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength, and come and save us!

P: Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure.

C: You have made us a strife to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

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.

~Scripture Lesson

Luke 1: 39-56 In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!"

Then Mary said,

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,
because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,
because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is
his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down rulers from their thrones.

He has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~Chief Hymn 92 vv. 1, 4, 5 *Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates*

~Sermon Text

Psalm 118:25-27 O LORD, please save us now. O LORD, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he makes light shine on us. Bind the festival with branches as far as the horns of the altar.

~Sermon Theme

"Go Out to Meet Your Coming King: How Shall I Greet Him?"

1. *Acknowledging our deep need for Him,*
2. *Blessing Him,*
3. *Letting Him Shine on Us.*
4. *In Festive Celebration.*

~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 110 vv. 1, 6** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

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

Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: John Baumann
Preservice Music: Mount Olive Band Flute Players



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.)*