

ADVENT 1

Sunday, November 29, 2020, 8:30 & 10:45AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School
Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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). And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Rom 13:11-14).*

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. 147, #2)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We beseech You so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humble form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen

~Hymn 92, vv. 1-2 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of Kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now,
Creator, wise art Thou!*

*2. A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Wherefore the earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now,
Mighty in deed art Thou!*

~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.

~**Confessional Verse** — Hymn 268, v. 6 *My Sins Are Countless As the Sands*

*My sins are countless as the sands,
My crimes, O God, are crying,
Deliver me from sin's dread bands
And save me, Lord, when dying;
O let me not, for evil past,
Be lost at last,
Grant me Thy grace, I pray Thee!*

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

(ELH p. 43, II; Mk. 16:16)

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, #1)

P: Stir up, we beseech You, Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and be saved by Your almighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father 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

Jeremiah 33:14-18 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.' "For thus says the LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'"

~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.

~Holy Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-9 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. The crowds

who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~**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.

~**Chief Hymn 90, vv. 1-4** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

*1. Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*

*2. Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.*

*3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heav'n enthroned.*

*4. From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell—
High the song of triumph swell!*

~**Sermon Text**

Revelation 3:19-20 I rebuke and discipline those whom I love. So take this seriously and repent. Look, I stand at the door and I am knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in with him and dine with him, and he with me.

~**Sermon Message**

"Repentance Fatigue Is Real"

~Hymn 88, vv. 1, 4 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

*1. Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only Hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.*

*4. Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
Help, Lord; hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King!*

~Prayer of the Church

(ELH p. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ___ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; 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.

~Hymn 90, v. 7 *Praise to God the Father Sing*

*7. Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.*

~Collect

(ELH p. 58-59, III)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

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

(ELH p. 59; 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, v. 1** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

~**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.

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

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

*Liturgist/Preacher: Prof. Nicholas Proksch
Organist: 1st Service: John Baumann
Organist: 2nd Service: Mark DeGarmeaux
Monday Service: Kristin Matzke*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 120; 10:45am, 95;

Monday: 29

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Deb Johnson, Mark & Vivian Smith;

2nd Service: Lois Johnson, Keith Anderson

Offering Counters: Seth Ferkenstad, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$16,450.08 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Deficit (as of 10/31/20): \$16,900

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE".

Or TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate. Or Mail your offering to the church office.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE: *November 29, 2020 – December 6, 2020*

Sunday, November 29	8:30AM	Divine Service
	9:40AM	NO SS/BIC/Bible Class
	10:45AM	Sr. Youth Group Divine Service
Mon., Nov. 30	6:30PM	NO SCHOOL Divine Service
	6:30PM	NO SCHOOL Jesus Cares Ministry
Wed, Dec. 2	9AM	NO SCHOOL Bible Study
	4PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30PM	Advent Divine Service
Thurs., Dec. 3		
Fri., Dec. 4		
Sat, Dec. 5	9AM-4PM	Volunteers at New2You
	9AM	Church Christmas Decorating
Sunday, December 6	8:30AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	9:40AM	SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth
	10:45AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consider ordering a poinsettia to help beautify our sanctuary during the upcoming Christmas season. On the sign-up sheet in the narthex, indicate how many plants you would like to purchase and if they are in honor or in memory of someone. Cost per plant is \$9.50. Checks made payable to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church may be left in the church office. The last day to order a poinsettia is **Sunday, December 6.**

Dave and Cindy Reimers would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes as they and their daughter Ashley, and Cindy's mother, Elaine Edwards have come through their bouts with COVID-19. All are now in the recovery stage and are hopeful to get back to their normal lives soon.

Attend Sunday School via GOOGLE MEET

A Google Meet has been created using the Sunday School's Google account. Join us for Sunday School at the Google Meet Link <https://meet.google.com/jgd-xrmn-bju>

Coffee & treat volunteers: We are looking for more volunteers who are willing to make coffee before our services, pick up treats, and serve them for our Sunday morning Bible Study. If you would like to volunteer please go to the Mount Olive website and click on the link at the bottom of the page titled "Coffee Servers Sign Up". If you have any questions, please contact Sam Barbosa. Email: sambarbosa3@gmail.com or call/text: (507) 382- 4928.

Military and Veteran Info Needed: In the social hall there is a display honoring our military and veterans. We need to update our veteran list and display. Please send a picture and information (including branch and dates of service) to Lois Johnson Lannej12@gmail.com.

After School Care is in need of buttons, rik rak, yarn, and narrow ribbon for Christmas crafts. Thank you!



New 2 You Family Thrift Holiday Hours:

Extended Holiday hours during November and December only. New 2 You will be open 9:30 am to 4:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to work our two shifts at the register.

9:00 am - 1:00 pm morning shift

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm afternoon shift

Please call New 2 You at 507-385-1455 and talk to Christine or Jen to schedule a time you can help us. New 2 You donates

75% of proceeds to MVL to support Christian Education, the other 25% is split between the WELS/ELS churches in Mankato, North Mankato & Nicollet. Thank you for considering to give of your time at New 2 You.

Hy-Vee Kash4Kids

Do you shop at Hy-Vee? Save your receipts from Mankato Hilltop or Riverfront Hy-Vee. Receipts from either location earn cash for Mount Olive. Hy-Vee will donate \$1 to Mount Olive for every \$150 in receipts (dated September 1, 2020 or later) collected. Receipts can be dropped in the collection bin located in the Social Hall. Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits or gas station receipts are not eligible. Receipts dated prior to September 1, 2020 are also not eligible.

Box Tops For Education

Box Tops is now making it even easier to earn cash for Mount Olive. Older Box Tops that are made to be cut out can be dropped in the collection bin located in the Social

Hall. Or, download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone. With just a few clicks, you can link to Mount Olive and scan your grocery receipts. The app automatically records Box Tops purchases from scanned receipts – no more clipping! Box Tops that say “scan” are not eligible to be cut out and must be scanned using the app. Expired Box Tops will not be accepted.

If you have questions about either program, email Erika Lemke at Erika.b.lemke@gmail.com

Bethany Lutheran College

Job Opportunity: Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for the Cashier/Accounts Receivable Clerk position. Please visit the Bethany Jobs page on our website for more information! www.blc.edu/jobs

Christmas at Bethany presents a new version of our beloved Christmas concert that you can enjoy, not just for one day, but for years to come. We will be premiering a video concert on Sunday, December 6 at 1:30pm. The video will remain available after the premier. Find the video and program at www.blc.edu/Christmas. We are grateful that we can still present the comforting Christmas Gospel message through song and share with you the musical talents of our students. Please tune in and enjoy the concert!

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Spirit of MVL Virtual Gala & Auction

To everyone who has been a part of the 2020 Spirit of MVL - item donors, gracious givers, the production team, and viewers - THANK YOU. The Appeal to the Heart continues on: if you're interested in supporting MVL's livestream technology project and Partnership Fund, visit spiritofmvl.givesmart.com, send in a check, or donate through the MVL Facebook page. We also have two five-night stays at The Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix, Arizona, available for purchase for \$1,200.00 each. They were originally secured for March 14-19, 2021, but the dates can be adjusted throughout 2021! Contact Kristin Matzke at kmatzke@mvlhs.org for more information.

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

To God be the Glory

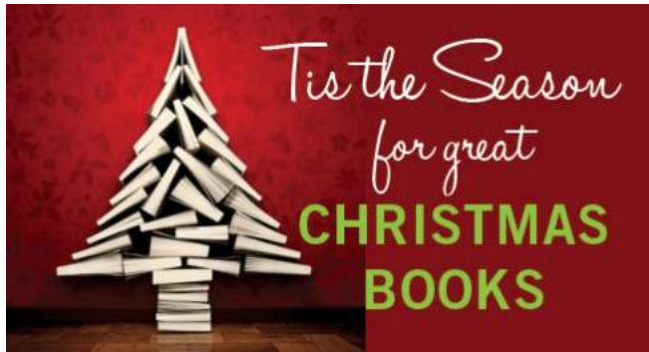


“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:14



Dear Members of Circuit 9:
As we draw close to the end of 2020, the year NO one will forget, we want to thank all the congregations and their members for the gifts that have been given for the work of missions. Both world and home missions will benefit from these generous gifts that help spread the “Good News.”



Barnes and Noble Book Fair

(located in the River Hills Mall)

Please use this book fair ID **#12603379** on **Monday, Dec. 7th**, when purchasing anything at
Barnes & Noble

or when purchasing anything online from
Dec. 7th through Dec. 12th.

A percentage of the net sale will go to
our school library.

😊 Thank you! 😊