

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



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WELCOME to all of our guests, visitors and members. We are thankful to have you with us in worship this morning. So that we can serve your needs most effectively, please complete the information on the form in the attendance book found at the end of each pew. We are a "family church" and we therefore welcome children in the worship service so the family can grow together in Christ. We pray: O Lord, our gracious and merciful Father, grant us steadfastly to believe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior; to fearlessly confess Him before men to the reproving of the unbelieving and the wicked. Strengthen us by Your Spirit to walk honestly as in the light of day, both privately and in public. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided today by the Flower Fund.

The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Information Center. Please consider signing up to provide fresh flowers for our altar. The cost is \$40. If you wish to give to the Flower Fund, please note that on your check



*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
 1 Peter 4:10*

In Our Prayers

Carol Backs-Wennemann.....broken arm
 Paul Rhode..... recovering from surgery
 Glen, Carol & Cathy, *friends of the Von Hollen's*undergoing medical treatment
 Jerry Kruse, *father of Kelly Selbe* Mayo Clinic treatment

Do you have a prayer request? Please see the Prayer Request sheet (placed on the cabinet) in the Information Center.

Thank you for Serving Today

Preacher Rev. Mark Nierman
 Organist..... Lanelle Krueger
 Elders.....Mike Allison and Rick Pfeiffer
 Ushers.....Brian Fischer and Bob Waite
 Coffee Hosts..... Karen and Rick Pfeiffer

Your Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Attendance 97
 General Offering\$1,967.00
 Fellowship/ULC \$21.50

Mount Olive Calendar

TODAY Tintinnabulations Handbells 7:45 am
 Matins..... 9:00 am

	Board of Education.....	10:15 am
	Bible Class & Sunday School	10:45 am
TUESDAY	Confirmation Class	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Men's Bible Study.....	6:30 am
	Adult Choir	6:00 pm
	Responsive Prayer & Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Youth Bible Study	7:00 pm
FRIDAY	Women's Bible Study.....	9:30 am
NEXT SUNDAY	Tintinnabulations Handbells	7:45 am
	Holy Communion	9:00 am
	Bible Class and Sunday School	10:45 am
	Board of Elders.....	11:45 am
	Board of Fellowship.....	11:45 am
	Confirmation Class	12:00 pm

Bible Readings and Hymns for Next Week:
 Isaiah 58:3-9a, 1 Cor. 2:1-12(13-16), Matt. 5:21-37
 LSB #s 579, 578, 617, 563, 728, 580



Matins

904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
 We are gathered all to hear You.
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 Now to seek and love and fear You,
 By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
 Drawn from earth to love You solely.

- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
 Till Your Spirit breaks our night
 With the beams of truth unclouded.
 You alone to God can win us;
 You must work all good within us.

- 3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
 Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
 Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

- △ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
 Praise to You and adoration!
 Grant that we may trust Your Word,

Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

Stand

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

Psalmody

- P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite

LSB 220

- C** **O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Introit

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates | day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not |

wither.*

In all that he does, he | prospers.

The wicked | are not so,*

but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous.**

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,*

but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Sit

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

Readings

Old Testament

Micah 6:1–8

P A reading from Micah, chapter 6.

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 5.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

LSB 221

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Sermon

Canticle

Stand

Te Deum

LSB 223

- C** **We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Sit

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 227

- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Collects

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Collect for Grace

- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228

- P** Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

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.

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ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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