



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2019

WELCOME TO
MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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Happy New Year and Welcome! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season!
We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago.

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The Epiphany Of Our Lord
January 06, 2019

The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God's Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today—worship Christ, the Lord of the world.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

G A T H E R I N G
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Psalm 117:2; Isaiah 60:3)*

Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Nations will come to His light,
and kings to the brightness of His rising.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

According to God's eternal purpose, the Lord Jesus Christ was incarnate of the Virgin Mary to suffer and die for you and to bring you into communion with the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, the mystery long hidden has been revealed for all to know that we might be brought to faith and life in Him. In the name of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning
st. 1—cantor

Green 84

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

**Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**

**Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

A P O S T O L I C G R E E T I N G

H Y M N O F P R A I S E

Angels We Have Heard on High

Green 71

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain: Glo-ri-a in excelsis De-o; Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo-o.

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Refrain**

P R A Y E R O F T H E D A Y

Sit

W O R D

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Nations come to the light of God's presence.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! *(shouted)*

PSALM 72:1-11 *(antiphon v. 18)*

Tone 4



Cantor: Blessed be the Lord, the God of | Israel,* who alone does | wondrous things.

Cantor: Give the King your justice, | O God,* and your righteousness to the | royal Son!

May he judge your people with | righteousness,* and your poor with | justice!

Cantor: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,* and the hills, in | righteousness!

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the | needy,* and crush the op- | pressor!

Cantor: May they fear you while the | sun endures,* and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!

May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,* like showers that wa- | ter the earth!

Tone 4



Cantor: In his days may the righteous | flourish,* and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!

May he have dominion from | sea to sea,* and from the River to the ends | of the earth!

Cantor: May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him* and his enemies | lick the dust!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;* may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

Cantor: May all kings fall down be- | fore him,* all nations | serve him!

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.

Cantor: Blessèd be the Lord, the God of | Israel,* who alone does | wondrous things.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Gospel's promise extends to all.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: We have observed his star | at its rising,* and have come to | worship him.
(*Matt. 2:2*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The magi come to worship the Christ Child.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. (*NRSV*)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

Christ: What God And We See

Romans 7:15-25a

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
st. 3—left, st. 4—right, st. 5—cantor

Green 76

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and Master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, heav'nly bridegroom, light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

*Left: Lord, when you look on us in love, At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood,
Refresh our souls with heav'n-ly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.*

*Right: Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us, when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!*

Cantor: Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way —
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story! Great is he, the King of glory!

**What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning For the day of your returning.**

N I C E N E C R E E D

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

... Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
... through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
setting by Benjamin M. Culli

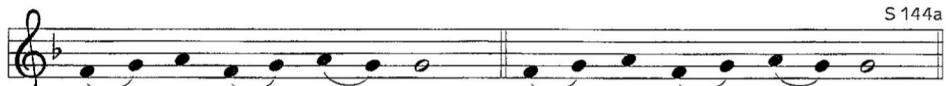
Piano

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and Master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

S 144a



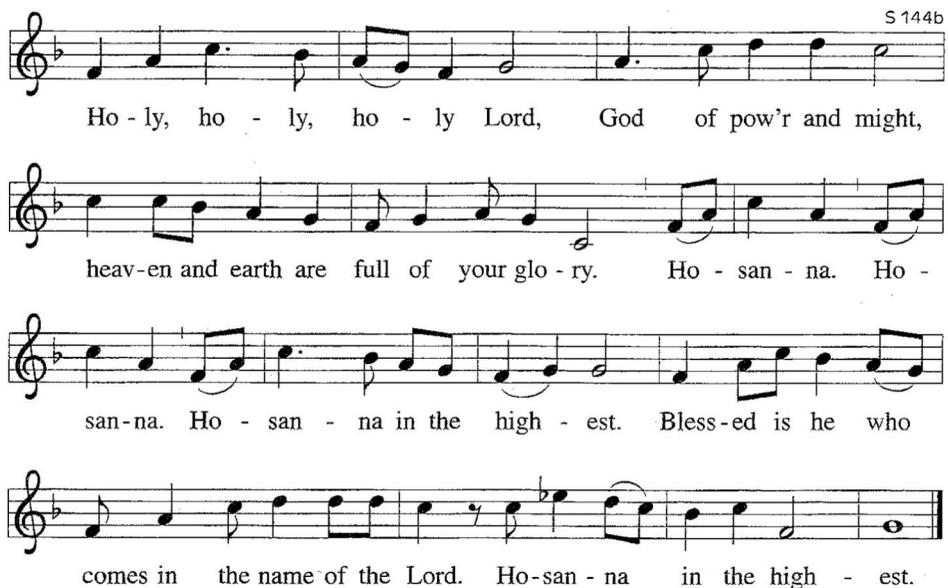
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, . . . until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, O God, . . . the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those . . . now and forever.



L O R D ' S P R A Y E R *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

I N V I T A T I O N

The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Amen.

Sit

D I S T R I B U T I O N

If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

D I S T R I B U T I O N M U S I C



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The First Noel

Green 56

**The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

**They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. Refrain**

**And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain**

**This star draw near to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain**

How Before All Time Began

st. 1—cantor



1 How, be - fore all time be - gan,
2 To the dark - ness of our night
3 As the pres - ence of a king
4 Tar - shish lords from dis - tant shore,



Be - fore the world's cre - a - tion,
And to our need at - tend - ing,
Brings hon - or to a cit - y,
Come pay your trib - ute to Him;



Could the Lord con - ceive His plan
Came the Word as Light of Light
Beth - le - hem, be glad and sing
Kings of She - ba, kneel be - fore



Of mer - cy and sal - va - tion?
Be - yond our com - pre - hend - ing—
Your Sov - 'reign's ten - der pit - y;
The One with wor - ship due Him.



Yet, from that high and time - less place,
Ra - diant with - in the vir - gin's womb;
Join all the an - gels who re - joice;
Rise up, O na - tions! See! Your Lord!



God chose to save our death - bound race:
Dawn - ing as day up - on our gloom.
Let ev - 'ry crea - ture raise its voice—
Long may He live and be a - dored!



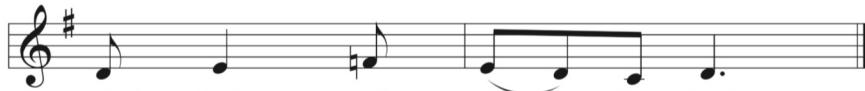
Em - man - u - el— as proph - ets tell — the
Hail, Ja - cob's Star! For all You are — now
Sing "Glo - ry be to God!" for He — is
Oh, — may His fame and ho - ly name, tran -



sto - ry In Scrip - ture as — we know,
shin - ing Your beam of grace on earth,
sole - ly The God who comes to save
scend - ing Each name up - on — this sphere,



Would veil in flesh His glo - ry
Your — roy - al might con - fin - ing
And — to our world un - ho - ly,
Be — sung with praise un - end - ing



And dwell with us — be - low!
With - in such hum - ble birth.
The Prince of Peace — He gave.
For love so pure — and near!

O God of God, O Light of Light

Green 536

st. 1—cantor



1 O God of God, O Light of light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets' wing-ed word,
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song And shout his name, his glo-ries tell!



To you in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of praise for - ev - er rings.
Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions saw their com - ing Lord;
These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our king first crowned with thorn.
Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on earth, your an - them swell!



To him who shares the Fa-ther's throne, The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain,
Till through the deep Ju - de - an night Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"
Lift up your heads, O might-y gates! So sang that host be - yond our ken.
All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain! For - ev - er let the song as - cend!



Be all the glo - ry he has won, All thanks and praise! A - men. A - men.
Sung once by first-born sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Goodwill!" A - men.
Lift up your heads, your king a - waits. We lift them up. A - men. A - men.
All hail, O Lamb en-throned to reign! All hail! All hail! A - men! A - men!

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

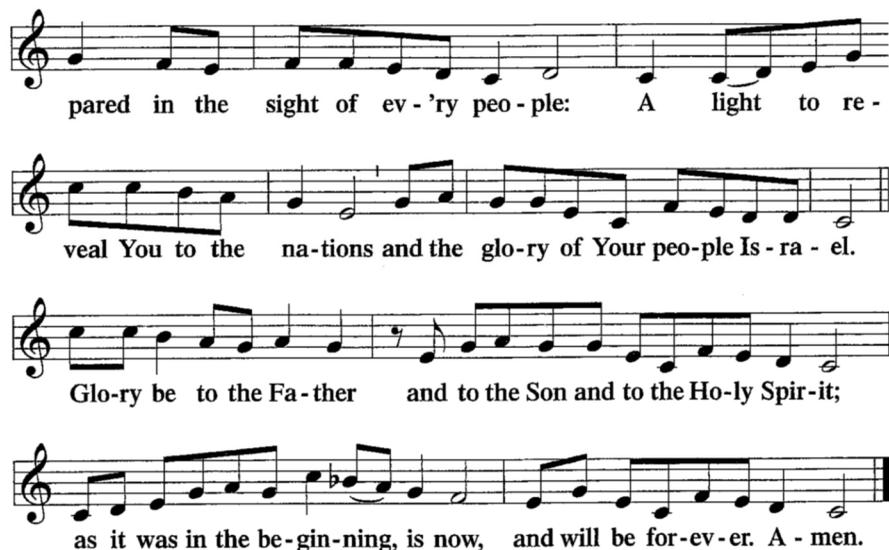
Song of Simeon



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is-ra-el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old

Green 82

1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

**4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
 And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**5. In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
 There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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**NEXT SUNDAY – The Baptism of Our Lord (Year C): Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29;
 Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22**

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Kamree Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER-----Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR -----Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Bev Allen, Dixie Gerhart
LECTOR-----Mark Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

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| Worship Attendance..... | 86 | Bible Class | 30 |
| Communion..... | 65 | Offering | 5901 |
| Sunday School | 12 | Needed Weekly | 5030 |
| Staff..... | 6 | Specials | 94 |

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 1

Christmas Day - 84/64

***** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

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| TODAY | - | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----10:20 A.M. BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING |
| TUESDAY | - | MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB-----7:00 P.M. |
| WEDNESDAY | - | UNBIRTHDAY LUNCH CLUB-----11:30 A.M. MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -----6:00 P.M. CONFIRMATION CLASS -----6:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR -----7:45 P.M. |
| THURSDAY | - | ALL BOARDS MEETING -----7:00 P.M. |
| FRIDAY | - | FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX -----7:00 P.M. |
| SUNDAY | - | WORSHIP-----9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----10:20 A.M. 2019 GIVING RECORDS |

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour Pastor Jank will continue leading a Bible Study on *Sexual Temptation in a High Tech Society*. A second video-enhanced Bible Class, “Present Over Perfect,” for parents with children in the nursery is being led by Melissa Lorang in the nursery room, the northwest corner room upstairs. Grab a cup of coffee and join in.

TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS — Immediately following the Christian Education Hour.

MEMORIAL SERVICE — Frank Tierney, our brother in Christ, died on December 22. His memorial service was Friday, January 4. “Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.”

MONTHLY LUNCH CLUB — The next *Very Merry Unbirthday* luncheon will be Wednesday, January 9. We are eating at First Watch at 1222 South 71st Street. Let's meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and car pool. Please rsvp to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX — Please join your fellow Mount Olive movie buffs on Friday night, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. (NEW TIME!!) We will be showing the movie “The Greatest Showman.” This 2017 original musical screenplay brings to life the story of P.T. Barnum and his creation of “The Greatest Show on Earth.” Rising from nothing, P.T. sets out to make a better life for his family. The movie stars Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams and Zac Efron. The movie runs for 105 minutes and is rated PG. Popcorn and movie candy will be provided. Circle the date! Dixie Gerhart (402-602-3252)

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — The Women’s Bible Study group resumes after the Christmas break on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m. Jacob is on the run...he deceived his father Isaac and his twin brother, Esau, wants to kill him. While his dad and brother “cool off”, Jacob will visit his Uncle Laban. If you thought Jacob was kind of a sly guy, his uncle is in a class by himself. Laban’s daughters Rachel and Leah are of marrying age and Laban is out to take advantage of his nephew’s infatuation with Rachel. Leah is caught in the middle, and while she could have “done the right thing,” she did not. Please come and join us as we learn from Leah; that actions speak louder than words and that we should always act in a manner worthy of our calling as women of God, knowing people see what we do far more clearly than they hear what we say. If you want to read ahead our story is from Genesis 28:10 – 29:24. No worries if you cannot slide in right at 6...we usually start off with a connect question. Each lesson stands on its own, so if you miss a night...you’re still okay. If you want more information regarding the study, please do not hesitate to contact me...Dixie Gerhart 402-602-3252 (day number) and 402-453-6707 (night number).

MANY THANKS — Many thanks to the members of Mount Olive for the \$315 gift in December to benefit the Lutz family in Papua New Guinea and for the \$210 gift in December to benefit the Bush family in Hong Kong. Mount Olive supports both of these overseas missionary families.

POINSETTIAS — Many thanks to those who donated poinsettias.

AUTOMATIC GIVING — *Joyful Response* is a way to make your Sunday morning offerings convenient and consistent through preauthorized withdrawal from your checking account at no extra cost to you. It is safe and secure. Your giving continues even if you are out of town or aren’t able to be at a worship service. Pick up a *Joyful Response* brochure from Max Williams or from the Church Office. More members each year are using this plan.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY — Remember the Little Free Pantry while doing your grocery shopping. We have been filling it daily as it receives a lot of traffic. Please place your items inside the marked cabinet in the old nursery room right behind the doorway.

Praying for Our Parish in 2019

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

January 7
Aaron Ridner

January 7
Dalton Willmore

January 7
Brittany Willmore

January 8
Roger Perrigo