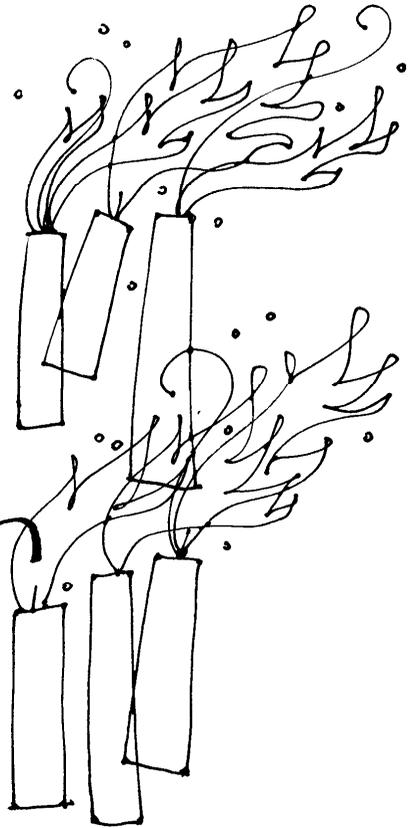


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November 30, 2014

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816

Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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Happy New Year — a new church year! Welcome to worship on the first Sunday of Advent, as we start afresh to hear about and celebrate Jesus' life.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 2014

Advent means “coming.” In this special season of the Church Year, we reflect on the comings of Christ to earth. We think of that coming to a certain place at a certain time in history when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We know the time and the place of that coming, and we rejoice in the salvation that event brought for us. But that advent is only one of the “comings” we consider in this season. We also anticipate our Lord’s coming again in power and glory at the end of earthly time. That coming is just as certain as was His coming in the flesh some two thousand years ago!

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

GATHERING

We Enter God’s Presence.

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

The King Shall Come

Green 33

**The King shall come when morning dawns And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills And life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death, Despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes, And we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. (*same as above*)

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. (*same as above*)

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. (*same as above*)

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer that God would come with power and compassion.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 80:1-7 (antiphon v. 7)

Tone 2



Cantor: Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Cantor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!* You are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,* stir up your might and come to | save us!

Cantor: Restore us, | O God;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

O Lord | God of hosts,* how long will you be angry with your | people's prayers?

Cantor: You have fed them with the | bread of tears* and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,* and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.

Cantor: Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

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: Restore us, O | God of hosts;* let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gifts of grace sustain us and those who wait for the end.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

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

S 124

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

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

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia

Cantor: Show us your steadfast | love, O Lord,* and grant us | your salvation. (*Ps.* 85:7)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 13:24-37

The sudden coming of the Son of Man.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not

know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

SERMON

People Who Pray

Isaiah 64:1-9

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

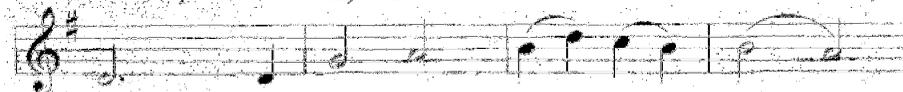
Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Choir/Congregation

(*setting by Kevin Hildebrandt*)



All: 1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing.
 Women: 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him.
 Choir: 3 These dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 All: 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Say - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Men: Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



In - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see,
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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 and with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

MEAL

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 bread, wine, and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
(*setting by Gregory Hamilton*)

Piano

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

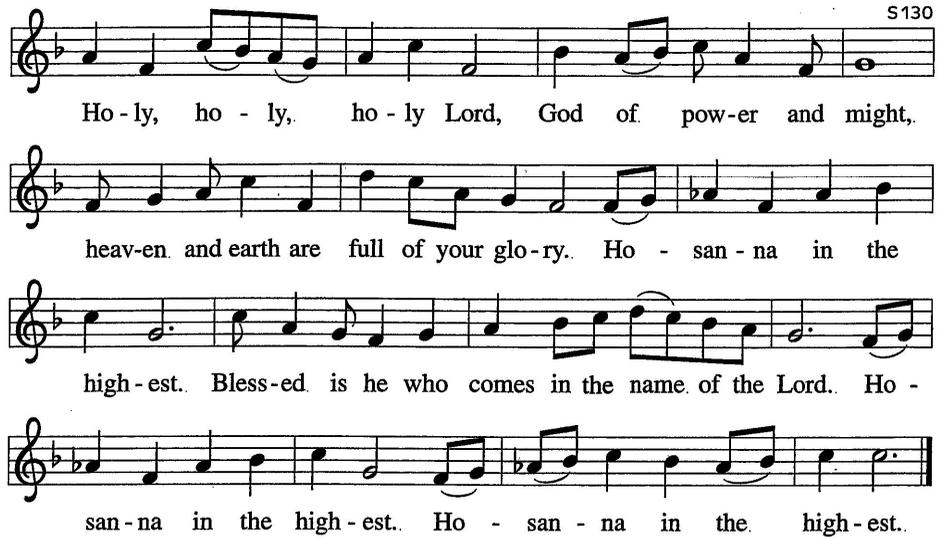
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, . . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

With the bread and cup . . . We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. . . . Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, . . . one God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven....

INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 135a

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

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide
st. 1 - cantor

Green 38

My Lord, What a Morning
stanzas - cantor, refrain - congregation

Blue 627

Soon and Very Soon

Blue 744

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST - COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Green 320

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent (Year B): Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85;
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Charly Peterson
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Steve Kowalski
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Frank Sabatka, Roger Wilson
LECTOR-----Max Williams

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance	115	Bible Class	37
Communion	96	Offering	5630
Sunday School	16	Needed Weekly	4649
Staff	4	Specials	304

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 2

Thanksgiving Day -

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

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		PUT UP CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS -----	11:30 A.M.
		POBLO -----	12:30 P.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	-	MT. OLIVE BOOK CLUB-----	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	6:00 P.M.
		CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	ADVENT SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER -----	5:30 P.M.
		ADVENT CAROLS & READINGS-----	7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
		CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL ----	10:20 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead one Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. He begins a new Advent four-week study called *Comfort and Joy*. Today’s theme is the “Peace of Christ.” A second Bible Class, *Marriage: God’s Design for Intimacy*, led by Lois Barr meets in the south section of the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in the study of God’s Word.

STEWARDSHIP — The 2014 Stewardship Campaign entitled *Joyful Giving* is underway. Please return your pledge form for 2015 after prayerfully deciding your cheerful response to God’s blessings. Your pledge envelope may be returned to the box in the narthex. We will dedicate your promises on December 7.

POINSETTIA — Would you like to help decorate the church with a poinsettia this year? The cost is \$11.50. Use the sheet on the table in the narthex to sign up by December 14. Please indicate whether you would like to leave the poinsettia or take it with you.

ELL (ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING) — concluded the fall session of classes Monday night with a potluck dinner. Over 60 staff members, students and their families enjoyed wonderful food from all over the world. All were given an opportunity to express thanks for the blessings of this service opportunity to our community. The next session of classes begins February 2, 2015. Please see Marsha Behr if you would like to share in the excitement of this growing program at Mount Olive.

ADVENT CAROLS AND READINGS — You are invited to attend our annual Advent Carols and Reading service this Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 P.M. In words and music we will reflect on the Advent themes of waiting and preparation. Make this an important part of your Advent season this year.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER — To help everyone attend the Advent Carols and Readings service this Thursday, we are serving supper at Mount Olive from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. that evening. We know you're out there...all you great cooks, closet gourmet chefs and kitchen cowboys...it's time to show off your latest recipe! There will be no charge for the meal. If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas Food Baskets for Mount Olive families, that would be appreciated. If you would like to bring a crock-pot of soup or a dessert...or would like to lend a hand with preparation, serving or everybody's favorite, clean-up, please contact Galen Behr.

THIS ADVENT — Plan to use an Advent wreath in your home with four candles. This will visually assist you in marking the four weeks of Advent waiting that precedes the celebration of Christ's incarnation. An Advent devotional book is available this morning one per family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE — The Sunday school will be presenting *'Twas The Nigh Before* this year for our Children's Christmas Service on December 21st, at 4:00 p.m. All children are needed to make this a success. We will practice during the Educational Hour every Sunday until the 21st. Please help our efforts by having your children here every week.

AUTOMATIC GIVING — *Simply Giving* is a safe and secure way to make your Sunday morning offerings convenient and consistent through preauthorized withdrawal from your checking account at no extra cost. Your giving continues even if you can't be here. Pick up a *Simply Giving* brochure from Victor Padron or from the Church Office.

BABYSITTING — Parents, plan to leave your kids at Mount Olive on Sunday, December 7, from 11:30 to 4:00 p.m. The Youth Group will provide lunch, snacks and activities. A free-will donation is requested. Walk-ins are welcome! Questions? Contact Kristi Townsend at (402) 457-9611.

NEWCOMER VISITOR TEAM — Max and Linda Williams

OUR MISSIONARIES — We invite your continued prayerful and financial support of our missionaries abroad: Julie Lutz and family in Papua, New Guinea (medical missionary), and Sharon Owens and family in Macau (evangelist). Remember in prayer also our missionaries to Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha: Aman and Amel Hamid.

Praying For Our Parish in 2014

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

November 30
Kristi Townsend

December 1
Betty Sorensen

December 3
Rodney Lorang