



November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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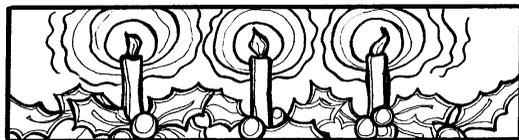
Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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**Welcome to worship as we start preparing our hearts
for the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

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Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(Isaiah 2:2-3, 5; Psalm 119:105)

Beloved in the Lord, as we begin this season of Advent, let this wreath and the candles progressively lit each week remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah writes in today's Old Testament Reading, "It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: **"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths. . . . Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD."**

Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in the beginning of our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as our true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The first candle is lit.

SONG

Your Word Is a Lamp

first time cantor, two times by congregation

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a". The second staff contains: "light to my path, a lamp to my". The third staff contains: "feet and a light to my path." The music ends with a double bar line.

CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that often we have welcomed and received You with our lips, but have not welcomed nor received You as the King You are.

We have dishonored and disobeyed You with our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, O God;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may walk in Your will and follow Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Bring forth new life and lasting light in us today and in this Advent season, that we may honor and serve You as our true King in and above all things.

Out of His great love for us, God sent His only Son, Jesus, into our sinful world to be born in flesh and live in our midst, to die for our sins, and to rise from the dead, giving us forgiveness and life. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and at the command and by the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest. Come, Jesus, our Lord and King, and fill us with peace and joy. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Green 27

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for favored sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his Passion Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, With what rapture Gaze we on
those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

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 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into peace.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

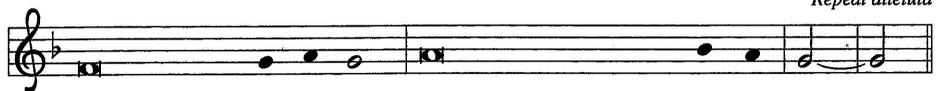
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

Behold, Your King Is Coming

Matthew 24:36-44

Stand

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

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying
st. 1 - cantor

Green 31

Cantor: Wake, awake, for night is flying, The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; Your lamps with gladness take!" Alleluia!
Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord, Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

**Zion hears the watchmen singing, And in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom, For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Oh, come, you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing hosanna!
We go until the halls we view Where you have bid us dine with you.**

Now let all the heav'ns adore you, And saints and angels sing before you.
The harps and cymbals all unite. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal, We gather round your dazzling light.
No eye has seen, no ear Has yet been trained to hear. What joy is ours!
Crescendos rise; your halls resound; Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

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.
. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

S H A R I N G O F T H E P E A C E

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

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Rejoice, Rejoice

Choir

text by Fanny Crosby, music by Aaron David Miller

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Our King is coming! The time will not be long,
Until we hail the radiant dawning, and lift up a glad new song.

Oh, wondrous day! Oh, glorious morning, when the Son of Man shall come!
With joy we wait our Savior's returning. Oh, wondrous day! Refrain

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.

P R E F A C E

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

S135a

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.

My Lord, What a Morning

Blue 627

Creator of the Stars of Night

st. 1 - cantor



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow; all things on earth with one ac - cord,
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low



we pray you hear us when we call.
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
from all as -aults of our dread foe.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Green 23

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING 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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday in Advent (Year A): Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7;
Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE-----Aryanna Hogue
ASSISTING MINISTER-----Arnie Jacobson
CANTOR-----Sarah Jank
EUCARISTIC GIFTS-----Ron Hurt, Cindy Wheeler
LECTOR-----Gloria Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	115	Bible Class	40
Communion.....	91	Offering	5492
Sunday School	17	Needed Weekly	4636
Staff.....	6	Specials	1100

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 3

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
		SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL---	10:20 A.M.
		DECORATE CHURCH W/YOUTH GROUP---	11:30 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 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.
		SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL---	10:20 A.M.
		CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE -----	11:30 A.M.
		ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----	3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank continues the video-based Bible study - [A Man Named Martin Part 1: The Man](#). Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

NEXT SUNDAY — A Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) representative will be with us.

ADVENT CAROLS & READINGS — You are invited to attend our annual Advent Carols and Readings Service this Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Seven Advent Scripture readings are interspersed with Advent hymns and carols as we meditatively await the celebration of the fulfillment of God’s promises to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. In the context of Evening Prayer we ponder, sing and pray together.

ADVENT SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER — Prior to the Advent Carols and Reading Service, a soup and sandwich supper will be served this Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. We are still in need of folks to bring a crockpot of soup from home. We also need help setting up on Thursday. If bringing soup or helping with set-up, please plan on arriving a little before 5:00 p.m. We also need help with clean-up. Please sign up today at the table in the narthex. Your help is greatly appreciated. - Joan Johnson (402-960-4179) and Marilyn Beig (402-453-6248)

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, “From Heaven To Manger,” is available one per family.

DECORATING THE CHURCH — Today plan to stay after the Christian Education Hour to help the Board of Church Properties and the Youth Group decorate the church for the Christmas season.

SS CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS — We are very excited to announce that practices for the Sunday School Christmas Program, “The Most Important Part of Christmas”, begins today, November 27th, at 10:30 A.M. and will continue each Sunday through December 18th. Parents, please make every effort to have your children at each practice to learn songs, practice speaking parts, and prepare for the program. All Mt. Olive Sunday School children are encouraged to participate in this Christmas tradition!

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS BAKERS — It’s that time of year to get out those mixing bowls and cookie sheets! Find your candy thermometer and measuring cups! Track down your rolling pin and dig out that cookie press! Mount Olive will once again host a Cookie Swap next Sunday, December 4, at 11:30 a.m. To participate, bring three to four dozen cookies, bars, snacks or candies. Also, be sure to bring a container to take home your Christmas goodies (plan for around three dozen). If you would like to share your recipe, bring it and we will make copies as needed. We will set up in the old preschool (room next to Luther Hall) area and the swap will take place following the Adult/Sunday School Class Hour. So, bring an old family favorite or try something new. Each participant will have plenty of delicious treats to serve family and friends during the holidays! Questions...Comments...Concerns...Contact Anne Wegner at (402) 980-6953.

AUTOMATIC GIVING — *Simply Giving* 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 *Simply Giving* brochure from Max Williams or from the Church Office. More members each year are using this plan.

POINSETTIAS — 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 18. Please indicate whether you would like to leave the poinsettia or take it with you.

Praying For Our Parish in 2016

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

November 27
Janice Eirick

November 30
Kristi Townsend

December 3
Rodney Lorang