



† **THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT** †
10:30AM, Sunday, November 28, 2021

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are honored to have you in worship with us today and pray God's blessings on your worship. If this is your first visit to Mount Olive, we hope your worship with us is a blessing and you find friendship and peace in this place. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that Mount Olive is taking all necessary precautions sanitizing our worship space, assuring social distancing, and safely preparing the sacrament. We hope to see you again and are happy to help in any way if you do not currently have a church home or are looking for one. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. We thank you for silencing your cell phones as you enter the sanctuary today.



AS WE GATHER

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us by joining in confessing our faith in Christ and His real presence in the Sacrament. We affirm the presence in the Sacrament of Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." During this time of precautions, we will utilize a communion practice in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

C **We thank You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

C **We adore You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

C **We praise You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

C **We worship You, O Lord!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another. (*Silence for personal reflection*) We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant 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.

C **Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

P Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE (v1)

1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And wait for Christ to
 come. With hope, we trust the prom - ise That
 He will bring us home. Our hope is in our
 Sav - ior Who wins for us God's fa - vor. We
 wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection
 C **we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins**
 P and saved by Your mighty deliverance;
 C **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

P The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SONG OF THE DAY

“Reckless Love”

SERMON *Red Letter Challenge Week 6: Going*

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As we wait for our Lord's return, let us pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church, here and around the world. For any among us and all others who await freedom from the consequences of their past mistakes, from the injustices of their societies, and from their own worldly passions, that God would surround them with people of faith to apply the gracious news of God's forgiveness, love, and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P For our communities and country and for all the nations of the world, wherever people await an end to discord with their neighbors and calm across their borders, that God would use people in positions of power to order society at home and work for peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P For people still waiting to hear and understand the Gospel, that God would inspire artists and craftspeople, musicians and poets to creatively carry the news of Christ's advent in history, His presence with us now, and His promised return, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P For people who cry out to God, awaiting relief from long-term ills or sudden crises of health, seeking an end to unemployment and financial woes, or not knowing where to turn for help, including . . ., let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P For the Church here and around the world, led by clergy and lay members, waiting for every opportunity to grow in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

Offerings can also be placed in the offering plates by the doors.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P You, O God, bring hope into this broken and desperate world. When Adam and Eve were ashamed, You clothed them and promised a Savior. As Abraham and Sarah waited on Your promise to them, You gave them Isaac and blessed the world through him. When the Israelites faced sure death at the banks of the Red Sea, You delivered them and sustained their hope for the Promised Land. When many kings of Israel and Judah rejected Your ways, You sent the prophets to warn them and to keep alive the hope for restoration. At just the right time, You sent Your Son, Jesus, whose miracles were a sign of the world to come, a glimpse of the restoration of all creation. We thank You, praise You, and adore You for the hope You alone bring into our lives.
C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 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.**

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“All The Earth Will Sing Your Praises”

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Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Dave Gaston
Lector	Luke Frauenhoff
Usher Team	Curt Casanova
Sound Booth	James Fenske
Altar Guild (November)	Lana Esch

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Sunday, November 28

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Weekly Calendar

November 29-December 4

Monday (11/29)

9am Quilters

Wednesday (12/1)

10am Today's Light Bible Study

12pm Advent Midweek Service

5pm LOGOS

6pm Christus Choir Rehearsal

7pm Advent Midweek Service

8pm Campanis Oliva Rehearsal

9pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday (12/4)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (12/5)

(Second Sunday In Advent)

9:30am Divine Worship* †

11am Celebration Luncheon

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

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Laurel Zobel lzobel@molc.us

This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Mary Kolberg, Jim Bosco, Marci Baldwin, Lisa Hammerly, Megan Bugg, Mount Olive Lutheran School and Preschool, Pastor Jason & Laurel Zobel

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: November 21- 70/ 50

Alter Flowers Sponsors: Flowers this morning are given by Bill & Kathy Skiera in memory of their grandparents wedding anniversary

Coffee Hour Hosts: Bill & Kathy Skiera

Pillowcase Dresses: if you would like to help with this project, contact Connie LaRowe (836-1635 or connielarowe@gmail.com). If you would like to donate pillowcases (or just left over fabric you have), help us cut or sew or help in any other way, please let me know! This is a very simple project and we welcome any help. When finished, the dresses will be sent to girls in need. If curious, just look this up online and you'll see lots of examples.

The Chosen "The Messengers" Movie: Join us December 2 at 7pm at Point Cinema for a private screening of The Chosen's "The Messenger" tickets are \$15 and a sign up is at the Welcome Center. To see a trailer, please see the TW@MOLC email!

Thank You From Gene Schoohs: I want to say thank you to the quilters and the congregation for the beautiful quilt. Their time and talent honoring my service is very humbling and appreciated. Thanks also for all of the good wishes given to me.

Advent by Candlelight: Mark you calendars! Advent by Candlelight will be Friday December 10th starting at 6pm. Signups are available on the table in the narthex!

Combined worship on December 5th: There will be one service at 9:30 to celebrate Pastor Jason and Laurel and wish them well as they begin their ministry at St Martin Lutheran Church & School. Join us following the service for a card shower and luncheon!

MOLS After School Care Help: Mount Olive Lutheran School provides after-school care on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 3:00-4:30. We currently have only 1 student who needs supervision, he loves trains and playing in the gym. We are looking for someone 16 or older to supervise 1 or 2 days per week or all 3 days each week. The compensation is \$20/session. Even if you are only able to help out a few times a month that would be appreciated, too! Please contact Jess Koch at jkoch@molconline.org Thank you for your consideration!

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Ushers Needed: The usher teams are currently looking for volunteers to serve as an usher on Sundays. For more information, please contact Chuck Jaskowiak or the church office.

SCRIP Cards: - It's not too early to start thinking about gift cards you might want to for the upcoming holiday season. SCRIP gift cards are a great way to get the gift cards you want and benefit Mt. Olive at the same time. Orders are placed on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Check out glscrip.com to see rebate amounts and gift cards available. Cards can be ordered online or at the welcome center. See Connie LaRowe with questions.

Christmas Shoeboxes: if you would like to put together a Christmas shoebox filled with small gifts for local children, please check the table in the narthex for information. **Boxes must be returned next Sunday, December 5th.** Please contact Connie LaRowe with any questions (connielarowe@gmail.com) THANK YOU!! check out this site for info <https://life1025.com/2021/11/bring-hope-with-shoebox-gifts-for-kids-2/>

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

December 5: Mount Olive
December 12: Open
December 19: Lyle Christian
December 26: Christmas Poinsettias

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

December 5: Celebration Luncheon
December 12: Open
December 19: Doris Smith
December 26: Open

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Stuart Sliter
Usher Teams: Chuck Jaskowiak

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule:

Midweek Advent Services: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 12pm and 7pm
Christmas Eve (12/24): 4pm (Blended/Family service), 7pm (Traditional/ Candlelight)
NO service on 12/25
12/26: One service at 9am with NO bible study

Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Collection: The Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Community Impact Team 1s collecting donations of travel-sized toiletries for Porchlight, a non-profit organization for homeless folks in Dane County. Hygiene Supplies in need are: *toothbrushes, travel-size shampoo, conditioner, 2-in-1, lotion & soap/body wash, disposable razors & shaving cream, deodorant, Band-Aids.* **Donations will now be accepted year-round in the bin located on the floor inside the MOLC Food Pantry Closet.**

Stewardship Corner

"If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" (Luke 19:31)

Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it." Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations

Just a Note

Card Shop: Boxed Christmas cards at \$5.00. All occasion greeting cards at 75 cents each. All profits go to LWML. Thanks for continuing to self-serve.

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online molc.us/connect. Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

COVID-19 Assistance: If you are considered "at risk" and would like assistance getting groceries or with other errands, please contact the office. Our food pantry is also available to you during office hours.

Holy Communion: If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm.** Contact the office at office@molc.us or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

Our Staff

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