



† **THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT** †

8:00AM, Sunday, November 28, 2021

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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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

△ 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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!

KYRIE



1 For - give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And



mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For
times when we de - spair and for - get That
You are where all joy and truth have met.
For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b



- P Behold, your king is com - | ing to you;* righteous and having sal - | vation.
C Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?* Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?
P Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;* steadfast love and faithfulness go be - | fore you.
C Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,* who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
P who exult in your name | all the day* and in your righteousness are ex - | alted.
C For our shield belongs | to the LORD,* our king to the Holy One of | Israel.
C 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.
P Behold, your king is com - | ing to you;* righteous and having sal - | vation.

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

SERMON *Red Letter Challenge Week 6: Going*

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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

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- 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.**
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death

and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

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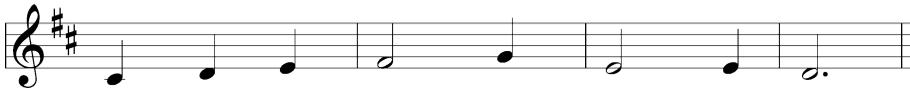
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

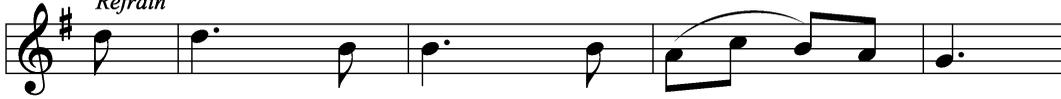


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
 And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

NUNC DIMITTIS

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

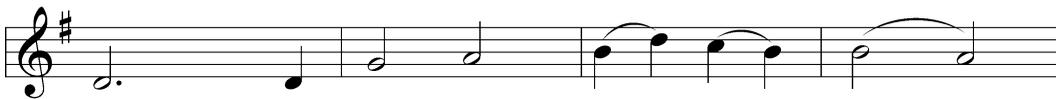
CLOSING HYMN

“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”

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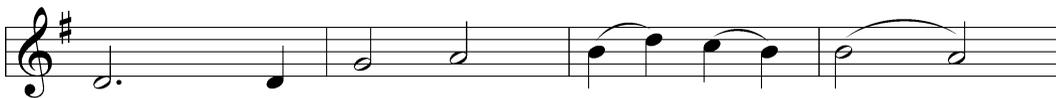
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



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
 Sav - 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 -
 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 -



lu - 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!

POSTLUDE

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| Music | Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i> |
| Elder | Dave Gaston |
| Lector | Dave Kral |
| Greeter | Doris Smith |
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| 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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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

Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*
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