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† **THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT** †  
**10:30AM, Sunday, November 29, 2020**

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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**

The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord’s final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to “wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ” on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

**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 called “continuous communion” 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.

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**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**

“We Fall Down”

*Tomlin*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- A In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**  
A The Lord is great in Zion.  
C **He is exalted over all the peoples.**  
A Let them praise Your great and awesome name!  
C **Holy is He!**  
A The Lord's face will shine upon us,  
C **and give us peace.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- A As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,  
C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**  
A What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?  
C **I do confess.**  
A So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?  
C **I do repent.**  
A So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?  
C **I do believe.**  
A So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?  
C **I do promise.**  
A So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?  
C **I do believe.**  
P As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

A Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.**

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

A Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C **the light no darkness can overcome.**

A Let Your light scatter the darkness

C **and illumine Your Church.**

### We Light the Advent Candle (vs 1)

1 We light the Advent candle

And wait for Christ to come.

With hope, we trust the promise

That He will bring us home.

Our hope is in our Savior

Who wins for us God's favor.

We wait with growing light

Till God makes all things right!

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT

*Psalm 25:1-3; antiphon Zechariah 9:9b alt*

A Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C **To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

A O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

C **Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

### SONG OF THE DAY

“Promises”

*Anderson*

### SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. <sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 11:1- 10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, O Christ.

## SONG OF THE DAY

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

*Brown*

## SERMON *A Hidden God—A Revealed God*

## APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, our Father, we give You thanks that You bring us once again into a new Church Year whereby we confess and proclaim Your great love for the world in the sending of Your only-begotten Son as the Child of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb proclaimed by John the Baptist, the teacher of the holy apostles, the sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross, and the risen Savior of all, who will come again in glory on the Last Day. Lord, keep us in this confession and faith, and bless its proclamation throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A That we may live in peace and safety, we ask You to continually bless those in the authority of government, the President and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Grant that they rule according to Your good pleasure by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Comfort, O Lord, all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, especially . . . Grant healing, peace, and courage for all bearing their crosses to Your praise and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A As Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to us at Christmas and now comes to us by Your Spirit in Your Word, we pray for His final coming to deliver us all in the great day of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text “mountolive” to 77977.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
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

“Prepare Ye”

*Godspell*

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate

the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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**

A 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**

“Your Grace Is Enough”

*Maier*

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Sunday, November 29

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**Weekly Calendar**

November 30- December 5

**Tuesday (12/1)**  
9am-2pm Communion

**Wednesday (12/2)**  
10am Today's Light Bible Study  
12pm Midweek Advent Service  
2pm-6pm Communion  
5:30pm LOGOS  
7pm Midweek Advent Service

**Saturday (12/5)**  
7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

**Sunday (12/6)**  
8am Divine Worship\* †  
9:30am Education hour  
10:30am Divine Worship\* †  
11:30am-1pm Communion  
† Communion offered  
\* Available on Facebook Live also

**Prayer Requests**

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**This Week's Prayers**

**We Pray for . . .** Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Bob Troia,, Duane Neitzel, The family of Paul Kolberg

**This Week's News**

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun, November 22 – 51/28

**Bible Reading Challenge:** Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: **November 30:** Obadiah, Psalm 82-83.

**December 1:** 2 Kings 1-3, **December 2:** 2 Kings 4-6 **December 3:** 2 Kings 7-9 **December 4:** 2 Kings 10-13 **December 5:** 2 Chronicles 24-25, 2 Kings 14 **December 6:** Jonah 1-3. A list of the December readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

**December Voters' Meeting:** A Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>** to approve the 2021 budget and provide updates from boards and committees. Due to current Dane County restrictions, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Board and committee reports will be available for review prior to the meeting. Copies of the 2021 budget will be available beginning Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Ministry "No-Bake Cookie Sale":** You do NOT have to find the recipe, buy the ingredients, mix the cookie dough, bake the cookies, decorate the cookies, wash all the dishes, and drop the cookies off at church,. You can instead write a check for \$10, \$20, or whatever you wish to "Mount Olive Youth Ministry" and stay home enjoying family activities!

**Bucky Book Sales:** Helping each other is what makes us a community and you can help front-line workers who are sacrificing so much while helping Mount Olive Youth Ministry. The Bucky Book will donate one book to a health care front-line worker for each book sold over the Holidays by clicking on our link below. Just redeem one or two coupons out of hundreds valid up to October next year and it will cost you nothing to help our group while saying thank you to front-line workers and lifting their spirits for the Holidays. Plus, Bucky Books make GREAT Holiday gifts with something for everyone.  
<https://www.buckybook.com/mount-olive-lutheran-church>

**Sound Booth Volunteers:** We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the sound booth during both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. If you are interested, please let the office know!

**A Man Named Martin:** Join us during education hour as we study the life of Martin Luther. Part 2 of "A Man Named Martin" continues today in the Fireplace Room and via Zoom! Missed a session or want to look ahead? Part 1 and part 2 materials will be available on Mount Olive's website! [www.molc.us/bible-study](http://www.molc.us/bible-study)

**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.

**SCRIP orders** - plan ahead for your gift giving which may include gift cards. Order them through SCRIP and MOLC gets a rebate! When an order is placed on a Monday, they are usually delivered the following Wednesday (the physical cards can be picked up at Mt. Olive, reloadable cards also available, and some print-at-home cards) so a quick turnaround. You may fill out a form at the Welcome center and put it in the SCRIP mail slot, or order online. I can help you set up your family account - so easy to do all online. Checks are made payable to Mt. Olive or you can also use PushPay. Check out the SCRIP website or contact Connie LaRowe (836-1635) Orders will be placed Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, and Dec. 14. <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>

**Thank you from Kathryn Hanson:** Thank you to all the members of Mount Olive who have been praying for me, and who have sent cards of encouragement. Your prayers lift me up and give me great encouragement during this difficult time. I am halfway done with chemo, and then will have one month of radiation. I am so thankful to God for my church and friends, and especially for His mercy and Grace. God's blessing to all of you.

**Caret Baby Bottle Campaign:** This year's baby bottle campaign will run during the month of November. Grab a bottle from the Welcome Center! As you fill it with loose change, cash, or checks, you help provide life affirming resources to women and men facing unintended pregnancies through the ministry of Care Net Pregnancy Center. Contact Connie LaRowe [connielarowe@gmail.com](mailto:connielarowe@gmail.com) or Carol White [carolindawhite44@gmail.com](mailto:carolindawhite44@gmail.com) for more information.

**Sunday Bulletins/Recordings:** If you or someone you know is "shut in" and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

## Stewardship Corner

"And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" (Jeremiah 23:6b)

Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the Heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, good works can be done by us for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

### Just a Note

**Card Shop:** Bless those near and far with Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Nice selection now on display, plus all occasion greeting cards for wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy, and much more. Continue to self-serve when you visit the Card Shop located in the Library. Individual cards are 75 cents each. Thank you for supporting the missions at LWML with your purchases.

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

**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](mailto: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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