



† **THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS** †
10:30AM, Sunday, January 3, 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

“Let our gladness have no end, alleluia!” (LSB 381:1). “Let our gladness banish sadness All throughout creation!” (LSB 371:1). These two songs of the Christmas season remind us that we are in glad times as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. This year, because of the way the days of the week fall immediately after Christmas Day, we are blessed by having not one but two Sundays after Christmas! Through the Holy Gospel today, we hear about our Lord Jesus when He was a young man—one who increased in wisdom and stature. Jesus was glad to be in God's house when He was in Jerusalem. Our gladness in these special days is heightened by our being here for worship as we grow in wisdom and in stature by God's endless grace!

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.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Joy to the World”

King & Country

(Verse 1)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heav'n, and Heav'n and nature sing

(Verse 2)

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the soundin' joy

(Verse 3)

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders
Of His love

(Chorus)

Ohhh Ohhh Ohhh
Ohhh Ohhh
Ohhh Ohhh
Singin' joy to the world

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 “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

C **I will put My laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

P And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest.

C **For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”**

- P I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious and heavenly Father
C **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have transgressed Your Law in many ways, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been wise in our thinking and our speaking and our actions. Our motives and thoughts have not always been pure. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You, through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct all that we do by Your Holy Spirit that in the year now beginning we joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your Commandments as Your redeemed people.**
- P 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.
C **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1,5,11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

- P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
C **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
C **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**
- P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
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.**
- P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SONG OF THE DAY

“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby”

(Verse 1)

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,
And they say that his name was Jesus

(Chorus)

He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom,
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes, believer. Oh ,yes, believer
He come from the glory,
He come from the glorious kingdom.

(Verse 2)

The angels sang when the baby born
The angels sang when the baby born
The angels sang when the baby born
And proclaim him the savior Jesus.

(Chorus)

(Verse 3)

The wise men went where the baby born
The wise men went where the baby born
The wise men went where the baby born
And they say that his name was Jesus.

(Chorus)

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil,

for who is able to govern this your great people?”¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.¹¹ And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days.¹⁴ And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”¹⁵ And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40-52

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

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

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom.⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it,⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances,⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his

answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” ⁴⁹And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“This is My Father’s World”

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(Verse 1)

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears;
All nature sings and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

(Verse 2)

This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise;
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

(Verse 3)

This is my Father's world, O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

SERMON

To God be the Glory

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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 Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed here and everywhere, the wisdom of God be honored and followed, and the gifts of God be treasured and shared. Lord of the Church,

C in mercy, hear our prayer.

P We pray as this New Year begins for our nation and for all of the people of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness and wellness everywhere prevail. Lord of all times and all people,

C in mercy, hear our prayer.

P We pray for our families and our neighbors. Help us to remember that each person in our lives is a precious gift from God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, help us to choose wisely how we invest our time in the coming weeks and find in our associations with God's people a source of mutual support and blessing. Lord of all generations,

C in mercy, hear our prayer.

P We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially making our petitions for the hospitalized and those who are shut in. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and for all those for whom our intercession is desired, including . . . Lord of care and grace,

C in mercy, hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C Amen.

OFFERING

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

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** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who in giving Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish our salvation has manifested Your divine love. We thank You for the blessed Meal now set before us. Keep us mindful of the sacrifice of our Lord for us. Joined together in the name of our Lord and in the communion of saints on earth and those in heaven, we pray You to send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
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

“Jesus Messiah”

Tomlin

(Verse 1)

He became sin who knew no sin
 That we might become His righteousness
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross
 Love so amazing love so amazing

(Chorus)

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
 Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
 The Rescue for sinners
 The Ransom from heaven
 Jesus Messiah Lord of all

(Verse 2)

His body the bread His blood the wine

Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

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(Bridge)

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

(Ending)

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen and support us, Your pilgrim people, so that we grow in wisdom and serve You and our neighbor. Keep us in Your care in the year that is beginning, and bring us at last to Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

Tomlin

(Verse 1)

In the bleak mid-winter
All creation groans
For a world in darkness
Frozen like a stone
Light is breaking
In a stable for a throne

(Chorus)

(And) He shall reign forevermore forevermore
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore
Unto us a Child is born

The King of kings and Lord of lords
And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

(Verse 2)

If I were a wise man
I would travel far
If I were a shepherd
I would do my part
But poor as I am
I will give to Him my heart

(Bridge)

Here within a manger lies the One
Who made the starry skies
This baby born for sacrifice
Christ the Messiah
Into our hopes into our fears
The Savior of the world appears
The promise of eternal years
Christ the Messiah

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Weekly Calendar

January 4-9

Monday (1/4)

6:30pm Men at Work (Zoom)

Tuesday (1/5)

9am-2pm Communion
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

Wednesday (1/6)

10am Today's Light Bible Study
2pm-6pm Communion
5:30pm LOGOS

Saturday (1/9)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (1/10)

8am Divine Worship* †
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Divine Worship* †
11:30am-1pm Communion

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Bob Troia, Eunice Gibson, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Th, December 24 - 63/60/30
Fri. December 25 - 36 Sun, December 27 - 28/39

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: **January 4:** 2 Kings 19, Psalm 46, 80, 135, **January 5:** Isaiah 49-51, **January 6:** Isaiah 54-54, **January 7:** Isaiah 55-58, **January 8:** Isaiah 59-61, **January 9:** Isaiah 62-64, **January 10:** Isaiah 65-66, 2 Kings 20-21. A list of the January readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Thank you from the Mount Olive Foundation: The Mount Olive Lutheran Church Foundation Board of Directors extends its appreciations for the charitable contributions received during 2020. These contributions help the Foundation achieve its purpose of supporting Mount Olive affiliated religious, educational, or charitable efforts through its managed capital funds. All contributions are fully deductible in accordance with the IRS code and US Treasury regulations. Additional information about the Foundation is available on the Mount Olive website <https://molc.us/foundation>.

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Bach & Brass: Mark your calendars! The next installment of Mount Olive's concert Series, "Bach and Brass" will be at 3:00pm on January 17!

Amazon Smile: Mount Olive is on Amazon Smile! For every purchase made on amazon.com, Mount Olive will receive 0.5% of your purchase price as a donation. To get signed up and for more information please visit: www.smile.amazon.com. Type in "Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church" to select Mount Olive as your charitable organization of choice!

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.

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.

Men at Work: Men at Work will be continuing their study of the Parables of Jesus this week with "The Pharisee and the Tax Collector". Men at Work will be meeting on Monday January 4th at 6:30pm via Zoom. Contact Pastor Mark, mbaldwin@molconline.org for more info!

SCRIP - SCRIP orders will be ordered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. SCRIP cards are the usual gift cards that you can use at most all stores. You can fill out a form at the Welcome Center and put it in the SCRIP mail slot or order online (if you'd like to order online, let me know so I can give you the code for MOLC) - the cards cost no more than those you buy in the stores, but when ordered through us, MOLC receives a rebate! When ordered on a Monday, they usually arrive by the following Wednesday. Plan ahead for birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day, teacher gifts, etc. You can order the physical card, an ecard, or in some cases a reloadable card. Let me know if you have any questions (connielarowe@gmail.com) <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

Stewardship Corner

"And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar." (1 Kings 3:4)

Now that's a big sacrifice! But, of course, Solomon offered sacrifices in proportion to his wealth. The Lord had blessed him greatly, so his sacrifices were correspondingly large. Jesus also praised the widow's mite, a small amount of money, but a great sacrifice in proportion to her means.

Just a Note

Card Shop: While the COVID restrictions continue, please visit the Card Shop and "self-serve" as you have been doing. The Christmas cards will be put away and the Valentine cards will be brought out next. We will give you the totals given to Women's Missionary League in the February view. Thank you for all your support in 2020. Sending Christian greeting cards to friends and loved ones has been especially appreciated during these "stay at home" times and we will continue to offer a good assortment of birthday, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, anniversary, wedding cards, and more, still at the price of 75 cents each.

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!

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.

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