

## Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

November 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Welcome to Mt. Olive

From all of us at Mt. Olive, welcome to worship. We are so glad that you have joined us today.

### **A Few Notes Before Worship**

- Restrooms are located in the entryway
- We love having children in worship! We realize that can sometimes be challenging. If your child becomes restless, the fellowship hall or the library (across from the restrooms) are great places to regroup.
- Baby changing stations are located in every restroom
- You are our guest. If there is something else we can help you with, please let an usher know. They will be happy to assist.
- Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this worship folder or as noted in the blue hymnal located in your pew.

### **Assistive Listening System Available**

Our assistive listening system is available with the use of the free app, Listen EVERYWHERE (available for both Android and Apple devices). If you are interested in using Mt. Olive's assistive listening system, please pick up an informational card on the table in the entryway or ask an usher for assistance.

### The King Shall Come - He Is Coming To Save Us

Rulers plan and administrate and govern. They typically do not save. If your house is on fire, it will not be the mayor who shows up to save you from the flames. If America were attacked, the President would serve as the commander in chief of the armed forces. The President would not pick up a weapon, go to the front lines, and fight to save you from the enemy.

Jesus is different. He is both infinitely greater than all other rulers, yet also infinitely humbler. He does not consider it beneath his rank as King to risk his life for his subjects. He is willing to fight for us. He is willing to die for us. For King Jesus came into our world for one reason—to save us.

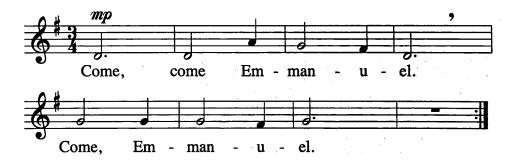
## A Prayer Before Worship

Dear Lord, I thank you for giving me this opportunity today to gather together with fellow believers to join in worship and praise. May my worship and meditation this day be pleasing in Your sight and be deserving of Your honor. Amen.

## **Gathering for Advent Worship**

The refrain printed below is sung twice, then again following each phrase sung by the cantor

#### Stand



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Our redeemer forever, Oh come...

We are clay, you are potter, Oh come...

Rouse your power to save us, and come...

God will strengthen us always, so come...

Stay awake and be watchful, Oh come...

The appointed time will come...

### **Invocation**

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

Amen.

### **Confession**

"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18) God calls us to be humble; we struggle to do so. We confess:

Forgive me, Lord, for I have failed to be humble. In pride I have questioned Your Word and Your will. I deserve punishment. Have mercy on me, O God!

### **Absolution**

God, our Heavenly Father has been merciful to us. Jesus laid aside His glory, making Himself "nothing," going to the cross to pay for your sins. Because of Jesus, your sins are forgiven, you are at peace with God!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

We rejoice in the first coming of our Savior Jesus; we look forward to His coming again. With all believers we sing,

The refrain is sung twice by the congregation.



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## The Word

## **Salutation**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

<sup>1</sup>Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

<sup>2</sup>As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil,

come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

<sup>3</sup>For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

<sup>4</sup>Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

<sup>7</sup>No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

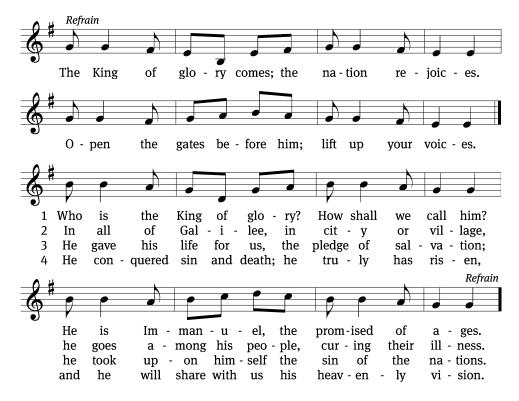
8Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn



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### **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

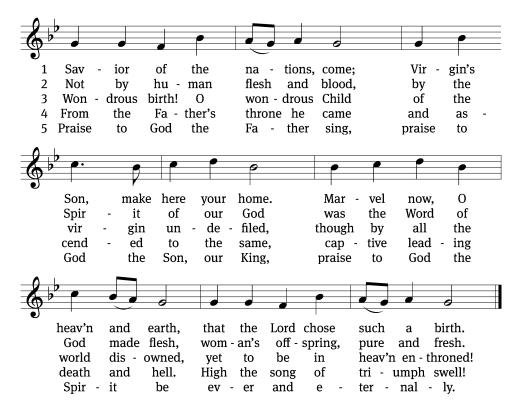
<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup>For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup>Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup>He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of the Day

### 301 Savior of the Nations, Come



Text: tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–1876, alt.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; Ambrose of Milan, 340–397, abr. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter Text and tune: Public domain

## **God's Word In Our Lives**

### The King Shall Come! He Is Coming To Save Us

Mark 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Until it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

<sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup>some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"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 heaven!"



### **Apostles' Creed**

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.

Be seated

## Welcome!

# **Worship Registers**

We're so glad you could join us for worship today and would love to have a record of your visit!

Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!

Use the QR Code below for an online worship register



## **Prayer of the Church**

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. [Especially bless... here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## **Blessing**

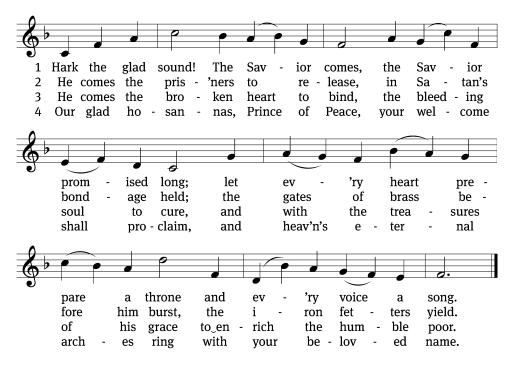
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

## Hymn



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