

The Morning Worship

Liturgists
9:00am – *Pastor Johnson*
10:00am – *Pastor Hammersten*
11:00am – *Pastor Enoch*
12noon – *Pastor Youngdahl*

The Prelude *Savior of the Nations, Come* - - - - - J. S. Bach

The Processional Hymn - - - - - **289:1, 2, 3**
(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

The Invocation
Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness
Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*
Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus

Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*
Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*
(Please be seated)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle - PEACE

The Hymn of Advent - - - - - **260:1, 5**
The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation:
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Lesson - - - - - **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** *(page 464)*
May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - **279:1, 4**
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - **Matthew 3:1-12** *(page 784)*
Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a game-changing appearance from God.

(After the reading, please sing)
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

(Please be seated)

The Anthem — *Carol of the Bells* - - - - - arr. Cathy Mokolbust
Chancel Ringers

The Welcome

The Offertory
9:00 and 10:00 — *Breath of Heaven* - - - - - arr. Lloyd Larson
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 — *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Franck Butcher
Senior Choir

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 264:1, 4

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

The Sermon Pastor Cornils

"The Edges of Advent"

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 267:4

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.

The Lord's Prayer - - - - - Page 112

The Benediction

The Threefold Amen

(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude — Sussex Carol - - - - - Jeffrey Blersch

*Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.*

Director of Worship & Music, *Beverly Claflin*
Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*
Director of Senior & Cathedral Choirs, *Beverly Claflin*
Cathedral Choir Pianist, *Erik Akervik*
Director of Chancel Ringers & Joy Bells, *Kate Graber*

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. A pastor will be available in the lounge to greet you following the service. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Ivan Anderson, given by his wife, Phyllis, and family.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Ron Tollefson, given by JoAnne, Steve, Sue, John, and Genevieve.

The flowers by the lectern are in honor of Jon and Sharon Hoffman on their 50th wedding anniversary, given by their grandchildren Gus, Isabel, and Jon.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Sara and LeAnn Carlson, given by their mom and dad, Nancy and Dick; sisters, Erin and Lisa; and brother, Andrew.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in loving memory of Murray Perry on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Jeanette.

The flowers on the altar in the Youngdahl Chapel are in honor of Warren and Arleen Dahl's 70th anniversary, given by their family.

If you would like to donate Sunday morning altar flowers in loving memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact Mary Lindberg, 612-767-2200 or maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

Next Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent: Candle of JOY

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. The Rev. Dr. Robin Steinke, president of Luther Seminary, will be preaching on, "Second Thoughts." Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. At 9, 10, and 11am, there will be Sunday Church School and The Way, and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years.

The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016

PASTORS

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