



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis/Victoria, Minnesota Christmas Carol Composition Contest

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis/Victoria, Minnesota, announces a Christmas carol composition contest in celebration of the congregation's 100th anniversary. Mount Olivet has a long-standing musical legacy, which is a vital part of the church's ministry. The congregation is known for dynamic and traditional organ-led worship services that regularly incorporate congregational singing. This contest seeks to find a new Christmas carol that will become a beloved addition to the church's Advent and Christmas traditions.

Contest Schedule

Submissions will be accepted between 12:00am CST on May 15, 2019 through 11:59pm on October 15, 2019. The selection committee will name up to five finalists. Finalists must be willing to collaborate with the selection committee to make edits/changes as deemed appropriate before the winning composition is selected. One winner will be named by November 15, 2019. The committee's decision is final. The winning entry will be announced to all applicants after the winner has been notified. The selection committee reserves the right not to select a winner.

Selection Process

- The contest administrator will remove the name and all personal information from the composition in order to ensure a blind evaluation by the selection committee.
- Composers of all ages, religious affiliations, and experience levels are encouraged to apply.

Contest Prize

In honor of the church's 100th anniversary in the year 2020, the winner of the contest will receive a prize in the amount of \$2020.00 USD.

Contest Requirements

- Compositions must be an original four-part harmonized melody for congregational singing in the style of traditional four-part hymnody.
- Existing or original sacred texts are accepted. Proof of public domain or author's written permission for use of text is required.
- A minimum of two verses is required.
- Compositions will be judged based on the following criteria: artistic merit, musical enhancement of text, and appropriateness for congregational singing with the potential to become a timeless, classic addition to the church's repertoire.
- Compositions must be created using a music software program such as Finale, Sibelius, etc. and must be submitted as a standard PDF file. Handwritten manuscripts will not be accepted.

Rights

Copyright for the winning composition will be retained by the composer. By entering this contest, the composer agrees to permit the use of his or her composition by Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in perpetuity, and, if published, the composition must include an acknowledgement as determined by the selection committee.

Submission Instructions

1. Fill out the application form online at mtolivet.org/music. Upload your composition to this form or email to compositions@mtolivet.org.
2. There is a \$20.00 administrative fee per submission. Please complete a separate application for each submission.

Contact for Questions

Please direct all questions to the contest administrator at compositions@mtolivet.org.