



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024 *What Child is This?*

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten, 10am Pastor Olson Popp,
11am Pastor Kalland

The Prelude

I Wonder as I Wander

Matthew H. Corl

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

264:1, 3, 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:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:
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:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

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: St. John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9). And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we fear God thinks us unworthy, but because we trust God’s promise to receive us always in mercy and grace. Let us therefore pray together with confidence...

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: Almighty God, in mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation: Dear God, let us read the stories of your Son and be renewed in our confidence in your love for us and all the world.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Hymn of Advent

Savior of the Nations, Come

263:1

Savior of the nations, come;
virgin's son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:
God has chosen such a birth.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hymn of Hope

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

276:1, 2

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!

The Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-4

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

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please sing)*

The Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 Welcome

Pastor Grangaard

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

The Angel's Song

John Leavitt

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

O Come, Emmanuel

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

Diane Loudon, cello

The Offertory Prayer *(please stand as you are able)*

What Child Is This

296:3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

244:1

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

The Sermon

Pastor Grangaard

Good News for Ordinary People

The Baptismal Service *(held during the 11am service)*

The following will be named a child of God and receive the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Olive Lynn Swanson, daughter of Elsa and Gunnar

The Closing Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

People, Look East

248:1

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

The 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.

The Sending Prayer

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Michael Helman

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor
Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,
Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,
Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

Worship and Music Staff

Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and
Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs
Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist
Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

December Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Arthur William Boerner, by Jeffrey and Kathy Boerner

In celebration of Frank Brust's 90th birthday on December 21,
by and with love from his children and grandchildren

In honor and loving memory of my daughters, Sara Jane
and LeAnn Renee Carlson, by their mother Nancy Stevens

In loving memory of Jon Kimball, by Kim Kimball,
Megan and Zack Upham, and Molly Kimball and Jack Bury

In loving memory of Steve Klein, by Faye Klein

In loving memory of George Kotsonas on his 90th birthday, by his family

In loving memory of Richard Calvin Marshall, by Marcia Marshall

In memory of Jack Munson on his birthday,
by his wife Norma, and daughters Kris, Kathy, and their families

In loving memory of James K. Olson,
by his family, Phyllis Olson, Kurt, Elizabeth, Blake, and Taylor Halva

In loving memory of Alice Parson, by Launa and Gary

In memory of Gary Riba to honor his December 25th birthday, by Jane Riba

In loving memory of Helen Rydland on the anniversary of her birthday,
by her family

In memory of our parents, by Connie and Jay Thompson

In appreciation to the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In honor of the staff who support the recovery community

In honor of First Responders

In celebration of Isabel Barrett Brainerd's 1st birthday

In celebration of Joyce Lindeman's 99th birthday, by her family

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