



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus **Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024** *What Child is This?*

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Kalland, 10 and 11am Pastor Grangaard

The Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High

Tim Zimmerman

organ, brass ensemble, and percussion

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come, O sov'reign prince of heaven; come, O wondrous love divine.
Earth and heaven bow before thee, everlasting peace sublime.
O thou source of joy and wonder, bless us as we seek thy face.
At thy manger grant us mercy, in thine advent grant us grace.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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, as you surprised Zechariah and Elizabeth with the gift of a son, so also surprise us by the many gifts you bestow upon us each day. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Hymn of Advent

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 Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hymn of Peace

The First Noel

300:1

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 1:1-4

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

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the

custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

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 Cieslik

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Lloyd Larson

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

Mack Wilberg

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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

275:1, 4

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

The Sermon

Pastor Cieslik

John the Baptist

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

Joy to the World

267:1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dan Miller

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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 memory Lenny and Mary and Lydia, Lila, and Harlan, by Tom and Judy Dunlap

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 Dean Modig on his birthday,

by Lois Modig, Pam Donley, and Susan and Michael Johnson

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, Lizabeth,

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

In celebration of the one year anniversary of the baptism of our grandson,

by Jeffrey and Lisa Quist

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