



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2025

**Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten,
10am Pastor Olson Popp, 11am Pastor Grangaard**

The Prelude

The First Noel

Tim Zimmerman

brass ensemble, percussion, and organ

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

270:1, 2, 3

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

Refrain:

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! Refrain**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. 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: 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, you have made us to be your children. When we sometimes stray and treat ourselves and others as less than your treasured possessions, forgive us, remind us of your love, and help us to see and treat those around us as deserving of dignity. In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Hymn of Advent

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

257:1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Hymn of Joy

Angels from the Realms of Glory

275:1

**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.**

The Scripture Reading

Children of God

John 1:10-14

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

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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 Anthem (11am only)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Tim Zimmerman

brass ensemble, percussion, and organ

The Welcome

Pastor Lose

The Hymn (9 and 10am only)

Angels We Have Heard on High

289:1, 2

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

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?

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Anthem (9 and 10am only)

Christmas is Here, Sing Noel

Cindy Berry

Alleluia Choir

The Hymn (9 and 10am only)

Away in a Manger

277:1, 2

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

The Anthem (9 and 10am only)

Jesus is Born

Valerie Leonhart Smalkin

Cherub Choir

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Sing We Now Of Christmas

Mark Patterson

Hosanna and Chapel Choirs - 9 and 10am

Mighty Lord, and King All-glorious

from Christmas Oratorio

J.S. Bach

Justin Staebell, baritone - 11am

(please stand as you are able)

The Offertory Prayer

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 Sermon

Pastor Lose

Children of God

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

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

December Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Dick Blenkush on his 90th birthday, December 3rd, by Joyce and the Blenkush family with love

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

In memory of Lloyd and Frances Engelsma on their 75th wedding anniversary, by the Wilcox Family

In loving memory of Larry Gustin, husband to Paulette, father to Timothy (Kate), and Todd (Anne), and grandfather to Flora, Theodore, Livia, and Gianna

In memory of AJ Hartzler, by his mom, Belinda Stutzman

**In loving memory of Jonathan E. Kimball,
by Kim, Megan, Zack, Molly, and Jack**

In loving memory of Steve Klein, by Faye Klein

In loving of memory of George Kotsonas on the anniversary of his birthday, by his wife and family

**In loving memory of Richard Calvin Marshall,
by Marcia Marshall**

In loving memory William and Marilyn Miller on their birthdays, by Eric, Anne, Elle, and Gigi Miller

In loving memory of Alice Parson, by Launa and Gary

**In memory of Gary Riba and in honor of 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 my beloved husband Dean on his birthday,
by Carol Stagnes Skaar**

In honor of Audrey Cabillot on her birthday, by her children

December Altar Flower Dedications

In honor and memory of Elton Falness,

by Barry and Carla Becklin

In honor of Kay and Rich Kettwig's 65th wedding

anniversary, by Rich Kettwig

In honor of Muriel Johnson's 95th birthday,

by her "pew" friends: Pat, Mary Kay, Linda,

Susan, and Marlene

In honor of the staff who support the recovery community

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In celebration of Jean and Jon Albrightson's 59th wedding

anniversary, by Jean and Jon Albrightson

In celebration of Isabel Barrett Brainerd on her 2nd birthday,

by grandma and grandpa with love

In celebration of Joanne Lano's December birthday,

by her daughter Meta, son-in-law Richard,

and grandkids Sam & Coco

In celebration of Joyce Lindeman's 100th birthday,

by her family

In loving memory of James K. Olson,

by Phyllis Olson, Kurt, Lizabeth, Blake, and Taylor Halva

In celebration of the blessing of daughter-in-law Natalie,

by John and Mary

In celebration of the anniversary of Jaxtyn Yahn's baptism,

by his grandparents Jeffrey and Lisa Quist

In celebration of the lives of Fletcher Merkel and

Harper Moyski, by the Hammersten Family

Pastors

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