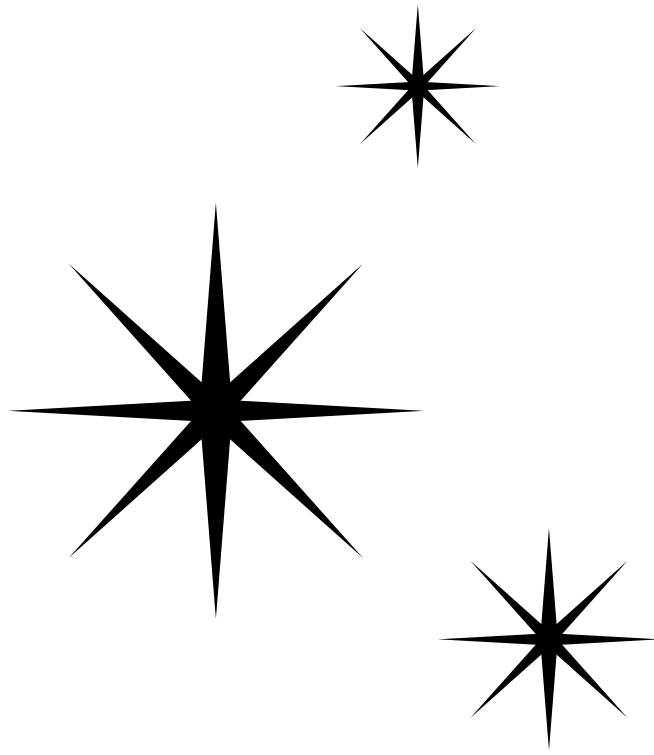




Christmas Eve

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church

Minneapolis Campus

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 ~ 2-9pm

The Orchestral Prelude

Carol of the Bells/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

M. Riley

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest: Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Refrain

(please be seated)

The Children's Choir Anthem (2-4pm only)

Jesus is Born

Valerie Leonhart Smalkin

Cherub Choir 2pm

Christmas Is Here, Sing Noel

Cindy Berry

Alleluia Choir 3pm

Sing We Now Of Christmas

Mark Patterson

Hosanna Choir 4pm

The Christmas Story in Word and Song

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-4

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

The Christmas Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

279:1

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.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:5-7

And so Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Christmas Hymn

Away in a Manger

277:1

**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 Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-12

Now in that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

The Christmas Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

281:1

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.**

**Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:13-20

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Christmas Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

270:1

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

(please stand as you are able)

The Christmas Eve Prayer

Pastor and Congregation: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light that the darkness cannot overcome. Grant that in this world we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence, and that we may know the full joy of his glory in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, we pray, Amen.

(please be seated)

The Anthem (5-9pm only)

Sing We Now Of Christmas

Mark Patterson

Chapel Choir 5pm

Sing Gloria!

Becki Slagle Mayo

Chancel Choir 6pm

The First Noel

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir 7-9pm

The Welcome

Pastor Lose

The Offertory Anthem

Bell Carol

Heather Sorenson

Cathedral Choir 2-4pm

He Is Born with Away in a Manger

Dan Goeller

Orchestra 5-6pm

Angels We Have Heard on High

René Clausen

Sanctuary Choir 7-9pm

(please stand as you are able and sing)

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 Pulpit Hymn

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

271:1, 5

**I am so glad each Christmas Eve,
the night of Jesus' birth!**

**Then like the sun the star shone forth,
and angels sang on earth.**

**And so I love each Christmas Eve,
and I love Jesus too;
and that he loves me ev'ryday
I know so well is true.**

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

267:1, 2, 4

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its 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.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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

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 Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

A Christmas Fantasy

Jonathan Scott

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Christmas Welcome

The picture most of us hold of the Christmas scene is so beautiful and calm that it's easy to forget that those gathered around the manger were a peculiar bunch. A young mother, chosen by God, likely experiencing a mix of fear, joy, and wonder in equal measures. A protective father, initially skeptical yet charged by angels to care for his wife and newborn. Lowly shepherds, unexpectedly summoned to witness the unfolding of God's salvation. Visiting foreign dignitaries, come seeking answers to their deepest questions. And angels, God's messengers sent to herald peace to all. High and low, wealthy and poor, skeptic and seeker, fearful and courageous, people from far away and right in the neighborhood: everyone was invited to gather around the Christ child, God's gift and promise of peace, love, and goodwill.

At Mount Olivet, we believe God is still inviting everyone to gather around that same gift and promise. And so we want you to know more than ever that, wherever you come from, whatever hopes and fears you may harbor, whatever gifts and needs you bring, whatever questions you hold and answers you seek, there is a place for you here. Our mission is simple: to continue to invite people to hear, learn about, and, most especially, experience the love of God.

Join us – we've been waiting for you!

~ David J. Lose, Senior Pastor