



**Mt. Olive**  
**Lutheran Church**  
*Where the SON Always Shines!*

TO DEVELOP DEVOTED DISCIPLES BY REACHING,  
BUILDING AND SENDING  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**December 16, 2018**

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

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Worship Service 9:00AM

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**SERVING THIS WEEK**  
**December 16, 2018**  
**9:00AM**

**Elders:** Don M. / Greg K.

**Ushers & Greeters:** Team C

**Altar:** Debbie A. / Bev B.

**Counters for Dec:** Team #4

**HeavenSong:** Kara Lowe, Darlene Malvaney, Debbie Goertzen, Nicki Kamimoto, Joel Mailand, Marci Carpenter Nancy Fortier, Mike Wilcox,

**Sound Technicians:** Don Moore, ToniLynn Briskey,

**Video Technicians:** Tim / Matt Goertzen, Kathryn Homier

Gary / Dylan Treece

**Coffee Hour for Dec:** HeavenSong

**SERVING NEXT WEEK**

**Dec. 23, 2018**

**9:00AM**

**Elders:** Mike S. / Mike C.

**Ushers & Greeters:** Team D

**Altar:** No Communion

**Altar Flowers:**

Are given to the praise

and glory of God by

Lee Olson in

remembrance of 54

Attendance Last Sunday...128

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** (Today)

Caroling Places & Times Posted below.

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** (Sunday)

Children's Program following the worship service.

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** (Monday)

Christmas Eve Service 6PM

One only.

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Preschool/Childcare & Office will be closed.

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday)

Christmas Day **No** Service

**Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday)

Padre Bible and Brews

@ 6:30PM Hop Nation.

**Ministry Council**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 7PM

**Elders**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

@ 7:15PM

**Quilters**

Wednesdays @ 10AM

**Brown Bag**

Wednesday @ Noon

**Kneeling Camels**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month

@ 1:00PM

**LWML**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month @

9:00AM

**DAR**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 8-12

**PRAYERS FOR:** Rosalyn Nelson / Dick Thomas / Becca Mailand / Janis Burke / Bill & Connie True / Carolyn Hope/ Connie Upton / Mark W. / Pam S. / Jim Beckett /Ed Quesnell /Dolores Shelton/ Emil T./Caden Brown / John Nowlin/Mike /Andy & Nena/ Sandy Pendleton/ Marlo Murray/ Austin & Sarah / Kathryn Homier / Vicky Morrison/Family Relationships.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:** Shut-ins.

**CAROLING TODAY:**

\***Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** TODAY

Rendezvous @ 12:45PM in the Brookdale parking lot

Caroling @ Brookdale Senior Living @1PM-1:30PM

Living-Care @ 2PM-2:30PM

Blossom Place @ 2:45PM-3:15PM

**Advent Services:**

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM Soup Supper-7PM Worship Service

**Sunday's Schedules:** If you oversee a ministry that needs to be scheduled for any Sunday worships for 2019, could you please get those in to the office **ASAP!** So, we will know who to put in the bulletin as teams. If you use the one that the office provides, you will find it in your mail box. Thank you.

**LWML** there are a couple bazaar items for sale on the table in the Narthex.

**LHM** Advent devotion books are on the shelf in the Narthex.

**Building Fund** balance \$349,473.00

**PRE-SERVICE**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME** - Please sign our 'Record of Fellowship'  
book found in the pew.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREET ONE ANOTHER**

**OPENING HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard On High

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er  
the plains**

**And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous  
strains.**

## **REFRAIN**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?**

**Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;**

**Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!**

**Mary, Joseph lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## **INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**P:** This is a day of anticipation, waiting for the coming Messiah.

**C:** **We have heard the voice of the prophets tell of His coming.**

**P:** This is a day of excitement and joy.

**C:** **Jesus is coming to save and renew.**

**P:** This is a day of great expectation.

**C: Jesus is the promised † Son of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**All: We are people in need of a Messiah. We have walked in darkness and now are looking for the Light. We have known frustration of serving other gods. We have wandered away at every turn and have known the fear of being lost. O God of everyone, forgive our sins and separation. Bring us to everlasting life.**

**P:** People of God, now is the time to listen, now is the time to open our eyes. Our God lived, died and lives again so that we can do the same. Our sin is forgiven and the guilt that we carry need no longer weigh us down. Praise God for giving us Jesus'. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

### **THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

**P:** Today we light the third advent candle on our advent wreath, which is the Shepherd's candle. The first people to hear the heavenly message of Jesus' birth were ordinary shepherds. Despite their fear, these shepherds were given the honor and privilege of announcing the birth of Jesus to the world.

## ADVENT PRAYER

C: (We pray together) **God of Advent, allow us to hear the song of the angels and to respond as the shepherds did. Take the fear from our hearts and help us to worship the 'Lamb of God' which is born for us in this season. Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Reader: Zephaniah 3:14-20 <sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

Reader: Philippians 4:4-7 <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses

all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

P: Today's Gospel reading is from the book of Luke, chapter 7 beginning at the 18<sup>th</sup> verse.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: <sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-NICENE CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SONG OF PREPARATION**

Go, Tell It On The Mountains

### **REFRAIN**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;**

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

### **REPEAT**

**While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,**

**Behold! thro'out the heavens there shone a holy light.**

### **REFRAIN**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth**

**Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.**

### **REFRAIN**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And brought us God's salvation that blessed  
Christmas morn.**

### **REFRAIN**

**For God so love the world  
He gave us Jesus Christ  
And who so ever believeth  
Will have eternal life.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;**

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
That Jesus Christ is born! That Jesus Christ is born!**

**SERMON Adversity 101 "Paul's Story"**

Rev. Kenneth L. Williamson

## **THE GATHERING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Infant Holy Infant Lowly

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall:**

**Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all.**

**Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing:**

**Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all! Christ, the Babe, 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 Babe, was born for you! Christ, the Babe, was born for You!**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** We pray, O Lord, for all who wait. We pray for the sick, especially....who wait for healing and recovery.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, with Your healing Spirit.**

**P:** We pray for the grieving who in their loss wait for wholeness.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus. Bring living streams of hope to the desert of sorrow and loss.**

**P:** We pray for all whose lives are in transition – those between careers, between relationships, and in the middle of conflict and change – who wait for security.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus. Offer constancy and Your steadfast presence when all about us changes.**

**P:** God of living hope, guard those serving in the military, Patrick Santucci, Jesse Fredrickson, Jeffrey Davey the military personnel involved with the fight against ISIS, along with families at home, the soldiers and civilian workers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and

around the world that they may be safe and soon return to their families. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who wait in darkness to hear the Gospel – and may not even know their need.

**C: Come to them in Your Word through our ministries.**

P: We pray for those who rush through life unaware of the hour.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus, give them hearts to believe that “Now is the hour of salvation.”**

P: These and all prayers within our hearts we ask in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray:

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All: 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is MY body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is MY blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## **SONGS OF DISTRIBUTION**

### Surely the Presence

**Surely the presence of the Lord! Is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
REPEAT**

### The First Noel

**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.**

### **REFRAIN**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.**

### **REFRAIN**

**And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.**

### **REFRAIN**

**This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.**

### **REFRAIN**

**Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
REFRAIN**

**Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.  
REFRAIN**

Thou Art Worthy

**Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord.  
To receive glory, glory and honor  
Glory and honor and pow'r  
For Thou hast created, hast all things created;  
Thou hast created all things.  
And for Thy pleasure they are created;  
For Thou art worthy, O Lord.  
REPEAT**

### **A SENDING PRAYER**

**All: Our Father, we have listened to Your word,  
and loved it; we have found comfort and  
inspiration in song and psalter; we have  
enjoyed the companionship, of those who, with  
kindred minds and hearts, have praised and  
worshipped you. Now help us understand that,  
as we leave this sacred House of God, we shall  
become your church in the street. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

**P:** God of peace Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip us with everything good for doing His will, and may He work

in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C: Amen!**

## **DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C. We will become devoted disciples by reaching, building and sending.**

## **THE CLOSING SONG**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**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.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His  
heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ  
enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell:  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**



*CHRISTMAS  
EVE SERVICES  
December 24, 2018*

*6:00PM*

(candlelight service)



**KEEP  
CHRIST IN  
CHRISTMAS**