



Mt Olive Lutheran Church
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December 10, 2023

**+ Third Sunday in
Advent +**



Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love

Welcome to what some branches of the Christian church call *Gaudete*, or Rejoice, Sunday. May we find joy in worshiping God and anticipating the celebration of Christ's birth.

The spirit of the Lord is upon us to bring good news to all the world. May we be strengthened for this work through our time of worship. (See Isaiah 61:1.)

Pastor Mike Michalk - Cell: 952-388-3858
Pastor's Email: Pastor@mountolivecms.org
Pastor's Drop-In Hours: Tuesday & Saturday 9-11
Available by appointment. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call 952-388-3858.
Office Email: Admin@mountolivecms.org

What's Happening

1. In House services * Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School September- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
4. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - Noon

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

1st Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 PM @ LMS
Tuesday's - Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 AM
Wednesday's - Women's Bible Study @10:00 AM
Thursday's - Bible Study @ 9:00 AM
Friday's - Harrison Bay @ 2:00 PM

Altar Duty for December: Darryl & Shelley
Frederickson

Counters: Rita K & Brian P

Reader: Sandy Wilsey

Sunday 12/3/2023 Attendance: 45

Sunday 12/3/2023 Offerings: \$5,162

Vanco 12/3/2023: \$170

Order of Service

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Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: 375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices
Raising

Hymn: 347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Holy Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

Hymn: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Hymn: 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself With
Gladness

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn: 377 On Christmas Night All Christians
Sing

Treats in the Fellowship Hall

Essential” based on Colossians 2:8. Joel is the Executive Director at Mayer Lutheran High School (MLHS). Gifts from the Heart being collected are \$10 coffee or fast food gift cards for MLHS Staff. This Christian Life Gathering is hosted by the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone.

Night time Bible Study

Is there interest for a night time bible study for those who work or are unable to make it during our daytime bible studies? This could be in person and/or on zoom. Please reach out to Arlee if you're interested!



Celebrate the Light

Bursting through December nights that could be long and cold, our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy with colors soft or bold.

Cascading from the rooftops, and from trees both small and tall, the lights cry out, “We have good news! We want to shout to all.

“You’ve seen the darkness earth can hold, the sorrow, war and fear; but God has sent his Son for all, to show his Love is here.

“The darkness can’t put out God’s Light. Christ’s with us day by day, illuminating paths so we can follow in his way.”

Light homes and streets and candles. Make your world shine clear and bright. God’s love surrounds and blesses us. Come, celebrate God’s Light!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. . . . ⁸For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil. ²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:6–8, 19–28

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. . . . ¹⁹This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²²So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” ²⁴(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) ²⁵They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, ²⁷even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Happening this week

December 13 - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30

Church Directory

Lindsey will be publishing a new Church Directory for 2024 in January. Please look over the current one and send her an email at admin@mountolivecms.org with any updates for your address/phone numbers! If you aren't currently listed and would like to be, please let her know your information by December 2023.

Leadership Team

Thank you to all who are currently serving on our Leadership team and Board of Directors! In 2024 the following positions will be open.

- Treasurer
- Director
- Trustee
- Elder



Christian Life Gathering

Everyone is invited to a Christian Life Gathering on Saturday, January 20, 2024 From 9:00-11:00am at Victory Lutheran Church, 16200 Berger Drive in Eden Prairie (952-934-0956). There is a \$5 registration fee, first timers are free. Joel Landskroener will be presenting “Why Lutheran Schools are