



*Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 6:30 p.m.*

*Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, E.L.S.*

1123 MARSH ST., MANKATO, MN 56001 / (507) 345-4966 / [church@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:church@mtolivelutheran.org)

PASTORS JOHN J. PETERSEN & LUKE ULRICH / MR. LARRY RUDE, PRINCIPAL



~Lord's Prayer (p. 125)

**C:** ♪ 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect (pp. 126-127, form II)

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

**C:** ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 127)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction (p. 127)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C:** ♪ Amen.

~Closing Hymn 565 *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night*

-----  
*Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Organist: John Baumann*  
-----

## Midweek Advent Vespers

-----  
**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest please fill out a guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.

**Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary.

**For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

-----  
*Order of Service p. 120*

~Hymn 12, Come, Thou Almighty King

~Confession of Sin (p. 120)

Pastor: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Versicles (pp. 120-121)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!**

~Psalmody, Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)

P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me.

**C: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.**

P: Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths.

**C: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.**

P: Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old.

**C: Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord.**

P: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

**C: The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.**

P: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, forevermore Amen.**

~Lecture

*Isaiah 55:10-13*, For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

~Responsory (p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us. **C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

~Hymn 230 *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

~Sermon Text

*Luke 1:76-79* "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

~Sermon Theme

*"Our Savior Comes to Us Through Word and Sacrament"*

~Offering

~Magnificat (p. 123)

**C: ♪ My soul magnifies the Lord: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden: For, behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty has done to me great things: and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those that fear Him: from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm: He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy: as He spoke to our father, to Abraham, and to his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen.**

~Kyrie (p. 124)

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**