

# JESUS FORETOLD



AS PROPHET,  
PRIEST, & KING

## Midweek Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 11, 2019; 6:30 PM

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**An Explanation of Advent:** *Advent means "the coming or arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." This season, which marks the start of our church year, is meant to remind us that Christ our Savior is coming. It is a season of eager anticipation and hope. It is also a season of preparation as we prepare our hearts and minds for our Lord to come to us. During this season, the liturgical paraments and vestments in many churches will change to purple to recognize Advent as a time of preparation and repentance as well as a symbol of the royalty of the coming King. Other churches—including ours—change to blue, which is a symbol of anticipation and hope. We also follow the tradition of lighting special candles during this season to symbolize the coming of Christ who is the Light of the World. This is a tradition that dates back to the Lutheran church following the Reformation. However, the current form seen today was developed more recently. The wreath is made out of evergreens in the shape of a circle to represent eternal life. It consists of four candles placed on the wreath: three purple or blue candles to match the liturgical colors and one pink candle lit on the 3rd Sunday in Advent. This 3rd Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, meaning "rejoice" in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Lighting this 3rd candle, Christians were to relax the fast that they had undertaken in this penitential season to rejoice that the promised Messiah is coming soon. Our Advent wreath also has a 5th candle. Placed in the center is the Christ candle, which is lit during the time of Christmas, symbolizing that Christ, the light of the world, has entered the darkness. Our prayer for you is that this season of preparation is a time of increased self-examination and devotion. It is a season to come and hear God's Word and to receive His Sacrament. Join with your fellow Christians as you prepare your heart for His coming!*

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**Welcome!** We welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack and also on our “Welcome” table). 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. If you are in need of any assistance, our Ushers are ready to help you.

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*Order of Service: Vespers (p. 120)*

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Hymn 101** *The King Shall Come*

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

*(ELH p. 120)*

P: 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** — *Opening prayers*

(*ELH p. 120*)

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 80:1-7*

(*ELH p. 121*)

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

**C: Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength, and come and save us!**

P: Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

**C: O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people?**

P: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure.

**C: You have made us a strife to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

P: Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

**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.**

~**The Divers** — *“Let Us Go”*

~**Scripture Lesson**

**Isaiah 62:10-12** Go through, go through the gates. Prepare a way for the people. Build up, build up the highway. Clear it of stones. Raise a banner for the peoples. Listen, the Lord is making a proclamation to the end of the earth. Tell the daughter of Zion: “Look, your salvation is coming. Look, his reward is with him, and his compensation is out in front of him.” Then they will be called holy people, the redeemed of the Lord. Then you will be called Sought After, A City Not Abandoned.

## ~Responsory

(ELH p. 122)

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: ♪ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## ~Chief Hymn 90 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

### ~Sermon Text

**Psalm 2:1-12** Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.'" Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

### ~Sermon Theme

*"The Coming One Is Your King"*

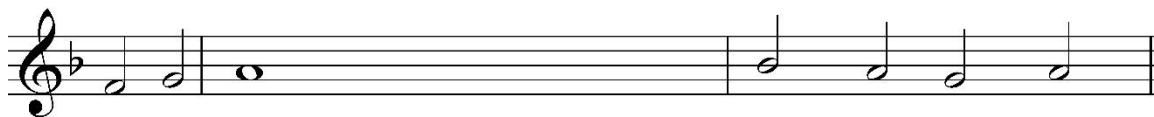
- 1. He holds all power to rule the world.*
- 2. He bestows all grace to save the world.*

### ~Offering & Organ Voluntary

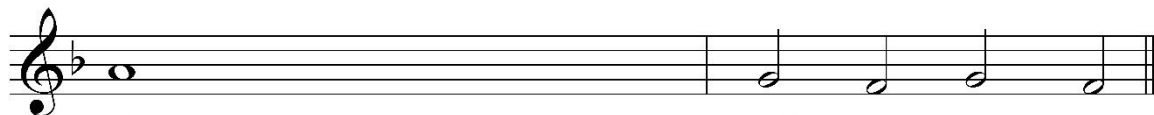
*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

~Magnificat — “My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord”

(ELH p. 123)



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|-----|---------|--|---------------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1.  | My      | soul                                     | magni-        | fies  | the     | Lord:  |
| 2.  | For     | He                                       | has           | re-   | gard-   | ed:    |
| >3. | For,    | be-                                      | hold,         | from  | hence-  | forth: |
| 4.  | For     | He that is mighty has                    | done to me    | great | things: |        |
| 5.  | And His | mercy is on                              | those that    | fear  | Him:    |        |
| >6. | He has  | shown                                    | strength with | His   | arm:    |        |
| 7.  | He has  | put down the                             | mighty from   | their | seats:  |        |
| 8.  | He has  | filled the                               | hungry with   | good  | things: |        |
| >9. | He has  | helped His servant Israel in remembrance | of            | His   | mer-    | cy:    |
| 10. | Glo-    | ry be to the Father                      | and           | to    | the     | Son    |
| 11. | As      | it was in the beginning, is now, and     | ev-           | er    | shall   | be:    |



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| 1.  | and my spirit rejoices in                          | God    | my    | Sav-  | ior.    |
| 2.  | the low estate of                                  | His    | hand- | maid- | en:     |
| >3. | all generations shall                              | call   | me    | bles- | ed.     |
| 4.  | and ho-  | ly     | is    | His   | name.   |
| 5.  | from generation to                                 | gen-   | er-   | a-    | tion.   |
| >6. | He has scattered the proud in the imagi-           | nation | of    | their | hearts. |
| 7.  | and exalted those                                  | of     | low   | de-   | gree.   |
| 8.  | the rich He has sent                               | emp-   | ty    | a-    | way.    |
| >9. | as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his | seed   | for-  | ev-   | er.     |
| 10. | and to   | the    | Ho-   | ly    | Ghost;  |
| 11. | forev-   | er-    | more. | A-    | men.    |

~**Kyrie** — *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

*(ELH p. 124)*

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

~**Lord’s Prayer**

*(ELH p. 125; Mt 6:9-13)*

**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** — *Evening prayer*

*(ELH p. 125-126, #2)*

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** — *Call for blessing*

*(ELH p. 127; Ps 103:2)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God’s people*

*(ELH p. 127; 2 Cor 13:14)*

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 569** *Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow*

~**Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”*

*—ELH p. 40)*

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Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Organist: Elisabeth Urtel  
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# Join Us for These Special Worship Services: *2019 Schedule*

Wednesday, **December 18**, Midweek Advent

5:00 - 6:15 PM – Pasta & salad bar served by the Handbell Choir

6:30 PM – *Jesus Foretold as Prophet* (Deuteronomy 18:18-19);

Vicar Jacob Kempfert

Tuesday, **December 24**, Christmas Eve

Office Closed

4:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Wednesday, **December 25**, Christmas Day

Office Closed

10:00 AM – Divine Service, w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, **December 31**, New Year's Eve

Office Closed

6:30 PM – New Year's Eve Service, w/Individual Absolution & Holy Communion

Wednesday, **January 1**, New Year's Day

Office Closed

No Service

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**Please note that our Monday evening worship services will continue** through the Advent and Lenten seasons; the only exception is that there will be **no** service on December 23.