

*Praise the Lord.
Give thanks to
the Lord, for he
is good; his love
endures forever.*

Psalm 106:1

Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 26th, 2025

As We Gather

We celebrate Thanksgiving, a day dedicated to remembering all that God has done for us and thanking Him for His abundant blessings. Though you may have food to cook and relatives to entertain, take a moment and pause before the Lord, who has provided you with many blessings, chief among them sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to give you eternal life.

Welcome and Introduction

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 136:1–4

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: to Him who alone does great wonders,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 14:1; Romans 3:12; Psalm 136:1

Pastor: The fool says in his heart,

People: “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

Pastor: We want to think it is other people David refers to in this verse. Yet Paul puts us all in the same category when he writes to the Romans,

People: “All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed. We deserve Your punishment, both now and for eternity.

[Silence for reflection]

Pastor: I have the best news for you as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all He has done this year. He has given us the greatest thing to be thankful for today—the forgiveness of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, grant that we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor: This the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Epistle

Philippians 4:6–13

⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Pastor: This the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



895 Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
 △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

*Thank you for your continued support of the ministry Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.
If you are a guest (or if your contact info has changed), please fill out a Connect Card
found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us:
ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us return thanks to the Lord, for all the good and perfect gifts He has given us, and let us pray for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, You have given us abundant earthly blessings. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we thank You for the food and drink that will be on our tables tomorrow and every day. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, provide for all those who do not know from where their next meal is coming. Strengthen them with Your presence and raise up people who will have mercy upon them. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gifts of our clothing and shoes, house and home, and all our fiscal resources. Give hope to the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help them to rely on You in these challenging times. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of families and friends. Thank You for our communities of faith. Thank You for the opportunity to gather with the ones we love. Protect all who are traveling for the holiday, and strengthen those who cannot be with family and friends today. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the government and those who are in authority over us. Bless them with wisdom and compassion. Lead them where You want them to go. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for taking care of Your creation. Help us and all people who are stewards of this planet to make wise choices to care for all You have given us. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of health and long life. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of good friends and faithful neighbors. Be with all those who are lonely, those who have moved to a new place, and those who are struggling to find community. Bring them the joys of fellowship with others who return thanks to You. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for calling us to be Christians in Holy Baptism and granting us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You for all of Your gifts. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: All this we pray in the name of Jesus.

People: Amen.

Words of Institution



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.

Distribution

As a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), Holy Communion is celebrated at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Word says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present in this meal, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us.

Because the Bible teaches that this Sacrament may also be abused, and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confession of faith, the LCMS ordinarily communes only those who have been instructed in the teachings of our church and who have confessed their faith in these teachings.

All are invited to the Lord's table. Those who share our confession of faith and who wish to commune are asked to extend their hands outward to receive the Sacrament. Others who have come forward will receive a blessing from the pastor. If you have any questions about this Communion statement, you are encouraged to speak with Pastor Koschmann. Thank you for respecting and honoring our Communion practice.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

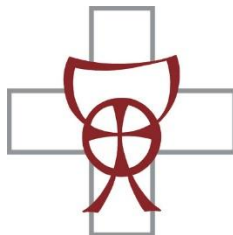
Distribution Hymns

789 Praise and Thanksgiving

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785 We Praise You, O God

LSB 785



Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**



917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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December at Mt. Olive

Wednesday Nights (12/3, 12/10, 12/17)

6:00 - Soup Supper

7:00 - Midweek Advent Worship

Sunday Mornings (11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28)

9:00 - Bible Study and Sunday School

10:00 - Worship

Christmas Eve (12/24)

5:30 - Candlelight Worship

Christmas Day (12/25)

10:00 - Worship with Holy Communion

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