

Our Dear CHRIST Enters In

WEEK 1:

**Family
Tree**



WEEK 2:

**Home
Hurts**



WEEK 3:

**Baby
Names**



WEEK 4:

**Company
Comes**



Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

As We Gather

In this third service for Our Dear Christ Enters In, a special service for Advent, we contemplate the name Jesus, which was given to him at his birth. It is a reminder to us of his reason for entering in to our world: He came to save us.

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn

343 Prepare the Royal Highway

LSB 343



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Elder: Beloved in the Lord, as we draw closer to Christmas, may this wreath remind us that Jesus came to conquer the darkness of our sin and lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah declares,

People: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shone.”

Elder: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who comes into the world to enlighten all peoples, bless us as we light the first candle on this wreath in preparation for your coming. Enkindle our hearts with the fire of your love so that we may reflect your love to all—especially to those who are still walking in spiritual darkness around us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Confession and Promise of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Elder: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

People: call upon him while he is near;

Elder: let the wicked forsake his way,

People: and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Elder: let him return to the Lord,

People: that he may have compassion on him,

Elder: and to our God,

People: for he will abundantly pardon.

[Silence for personal reflection]

Elder: Heavenly Father,

People: we come before you today with nothing to hide. You’ve heard everything we’ve said and seen everything we’ve done. You even probe our thoughts. You know that every day our lives are filled with disobedience, poorly chosen words and selfish ends. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who lived the perfect life that we could never live and sacrificed himself in our place. Amen.

Elder: "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her, 'Your sins have been paid for.'" In his tender mercy, God has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all your sins. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Advent Hymn

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 sts. 1-2



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Prayer of the Day

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Elder: Let us pray.

Dear Lord, when you were born into this world, Mary and Joseph gave you the name that was given to them by the angel—the name “Jesus.” We are truly blessed this day to be able to call you by name in our prayers, in our worship and in our speaking of your salvation to those around us in our homes and in this church. Remind us every day that your name means “He saves,” and help us to remember that you have called each of us by name to follow you.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

Second Reading

Acts 4:5–12

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

Children’s Message



Sermon Hymn

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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Sermon

Week 3: Baby Names

Apostles' Creed

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Elder: Jesus, name above all names,

People: look with favor upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Elder: 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.

Closing Hymn

338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338



1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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Announcements

Elder: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reader:

Acolyte: Kameron Matson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Todd and Lori Randall.

Last Sunday: 57

December Offerings

Month to Date: \$4,122

Project Monthly Need: \$13,750

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Savior's birth!



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