

Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2327 17th Ave. Forest Grove, OR 97116 Office: 503-357-2511
Pastor Nick Koschmann Sunday Worship 10:00am

Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

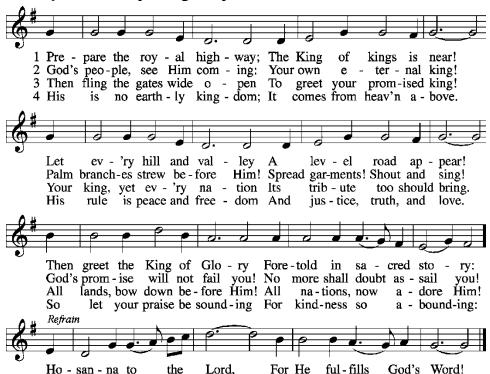
As We Gather

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



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



LSB 357 sts. 1-2



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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
Second Reading
Holy Gospel

Isaiah 7:10–17

Acts 4:5-12

Luke 1:26-38

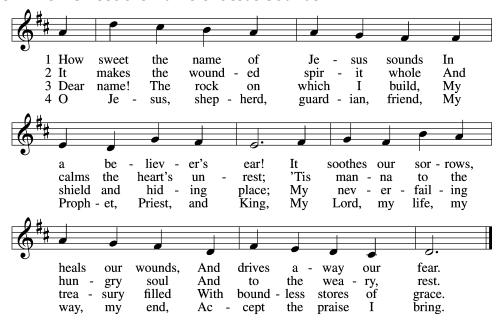
Children's Message



Sermon Hymn

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524



- 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

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.

Prayer of the Church

Elder: Jesus, name above all names, **People: look with favor upon us.**

Lord's Prayer

BenedictionNumbers 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.





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