

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 18, 2022



Advent



**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**"SHARING CHRIST, SERVING THE COMMUNITY"**  
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*At this time, the Sunday School kids will share with us the Nativity Story and the congregation will be singing "Away in a Manger."*

## Hymn of Invocation / Youth Pageant Away in a Manger

All sing

Hymn #364

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### In Advent Hope

- 1 In Advent hope we gather And worship trustingly,  
Assured that Christ is coming To set His people free.
- 2 Our Advent-hope hosannas Expectantly arise  
To Jesus Christ, the Savior Who comes from Paradise.
- 3 With Advent hope our praises Reecho joyfully  
To greet our Lord's arrival In His humility.
- 4 As Advent hope-filled people, We resolutely pray,  
"Amen, O longed-for Savior! Come, Lord, with us to stay!"

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*During the congregational speaking of the hymn, four candles on the Advent wreath are lighted.*

### Exhortation

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not**

**loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Following the Absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### **Kyrie**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 7:10–17*

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 1:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 1:18–25*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

- C** **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.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymn #332

Sermon

Sit

Offering

Offertory



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

## Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

- 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 power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

## Left Column

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

## The Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## Distribution Hymn

## Take My Life / We Give Thee But Thine Own

All



1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord to Thee;  
2. Take my hands and let them move At the bid - ding of Thy love;  
3. Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with Mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.



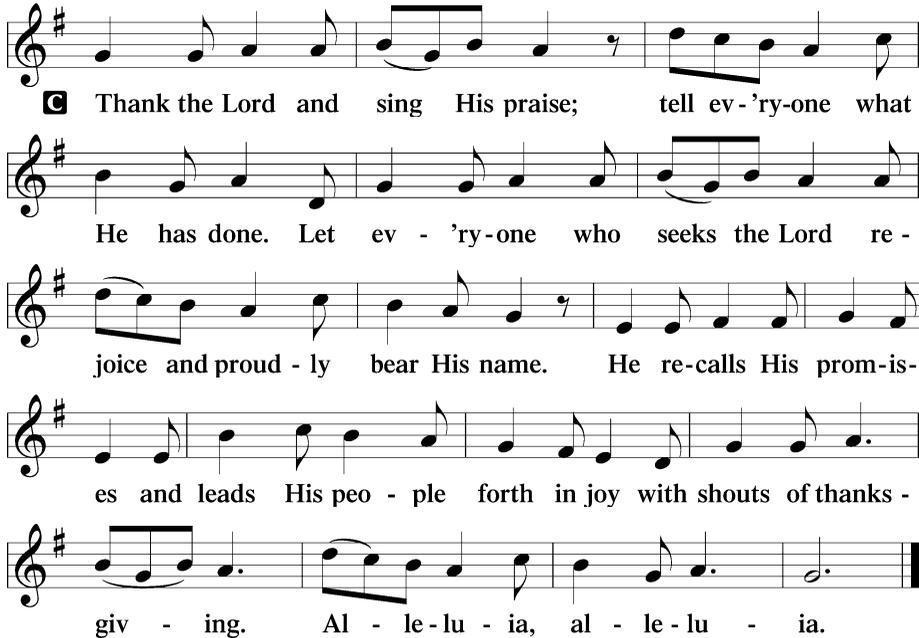
We give Thee but Thine own, What e're the gift may be;



All that we have is giv - en us, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joyce 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

**A** 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 in 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart

## The Advent of Our King

## Hymn #331

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Musician	Gospel Group
Reader	Gary Kilbourne, Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, <b>Norma Ceccardi</b> , Kyle Swan, Amy Swan and Krista Hess
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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Sunday Service with Communion**

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. We will be following current county mandates regarding at our indoor worship services. *Toddler care is available in the Cry Room during service.*

If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at [www.mountolivefolsom.com](http://www.mountolivefolsom.com).

## **Bible Study**

**Men** – Saturday at 8am in Fellowship Hall – Gary Kilbourne 916-203-7556 *\*please note change of time\**

**Women** – Ladies' Bible Study is taking a break but will return to their study of Romans on January 3, 2023 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

**All** – Sunday at 9am in the Annex – Pastor Daniel Vang

**Sunday School for School Aged Children** – Sunday 9am Contact Elisse Tweet 916-216-8722 with any questions.

**Confirmation Class** – Sunday 11:15-12:15 in the Annex – Pastor Daniel Vang

## **Christmas Eve and Day Services**

Christmas Eve. December 24th 4:30pm.

Christmas Day. December 25th 10am.

## **Poinsettias Needed**

Let's decorate the altar area on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! If you are able to donate or loan a plant, please place it in the Sanctuary Classroom by Thursday, December 22. Flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Day worship service. Your generosity is appreciated!

## **Love Offering**

Mount Olive is collecting a love offering for Pastor Vang and his family. If you would like to participate, you can give donations to an Elder, Council Member or designate a gift using your offering envelope. The deadline for donations is TODAY, December 18th. Let's bless our Pastor this Christmas Season!

## **LWML**

LWML meets the first Saturday of the month at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

The LWML is extremely grateful for your support with the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Each year the OCC boxes bless children with joy, hope and love around the world! Janet Betts, LWML President

## **Christian Fellowship Lunch**

The next Christian Fellowship Lunch will be January 19 at 12pm. Bring your lunch and join us for some fun and fellowship! Please contact John Rogolino with any questions. 916-989-4800

## **Ushers Needed**

We need volunteers to help usher during the Sunday morning worship services. Those interested can sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary, or please see, call or email Richard Hubbell if you want to know more at (424)205-4754 or Rahubbell7@gmail.com

**Therapeutic Stretch Class**

Stretch Class will resume on January 5, 2023. This class is free. If you have any questions, please call Jo Wazac 530-601-8251

**Wood Chips**

Are you in need of wood chips for landscaping? If so, you are in luck! We have a few piles of chips available to anyone in need. The chips are located on the church property near the food bank garden. Bring a truck and a shovel and help yourself!

**A Message from our Finance Secretary**

Good day Mount Olive Members. It's that time of year and NEXT YEARS donation envelopes are available for pick up in your Member Mailboxes in the sanctuary foyer. Please pay attention to what your 2023 assigned envelope number is, as they can change. Please be sure to pick up the envelopes with your name on them and use them if you can remember. Every member gets assigned an envelope number and it can differ from the year prior.

We are very grateful for all our members donations; remember we don't track who gave what and when they gave it by name, all donations are tracked by that envelope number.

If you're only coming to church once a month and you usually like to donate every week, please only use one envelope to donate for that month. And please if you can, try to refrain from using tape on your envelopes, it really makes the process we go through a sticky mess.

**Prayer Requests and Praises**

*If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.*

**Mount Olive Update**

Mt Olive is so blessed to have a wonderful new Pastor to shepherd our congregation. The Church Council wants to be sure everyone understands what is needed in order to continue our Mission here in Folsom, so we are including this section in the Bulletin each week to keep you informed on our financial status. Please keep Mt Olive in your prayers, as we know that God will provide a way forward according to His plan.

<b>November 2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Congregation Offerings	\$14,247		
Facility Use Donations	1,090		
Total	\$15,337	\$20,921	(5,584)
Expenses**	\$18,701	\$18,733	(32)
Net Income	(3,364)		

Cash on Hand	\$75,508
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<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Jan-Nov 2022</b>
Income	\$195,135
Expense	\$229,675
Net Income	(3,364)