



The Second Sunday in Advent
December 3/4, 2022

Prelude

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Kosche/Weber

Pastoral Greeting

Invocation and Confession

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.**

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

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.**

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit (5 PM Spoken responsively, 8 AM sung by Choir - Gerike)

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

C **Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

C **O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

P He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

C **He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

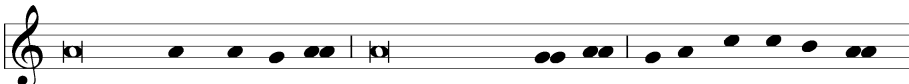
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



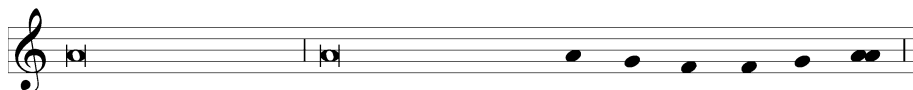
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



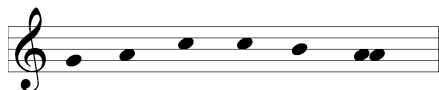
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



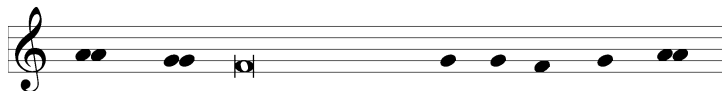
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,

and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
⁹They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

5 PM Gradual (spoken together) *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

8 AM Choral Anthem

Once He Came in Blessing

McCarthy

Epistle: Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the

axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,**

**very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering Offerings may be left in the plates as you leave, mailed to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 11453 E Wesley Ave, Aurora, CO 80014, or you may give online at <https://mtolc.org>.

Offertory



C 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



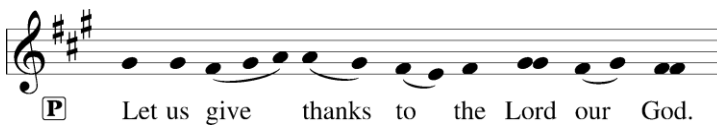
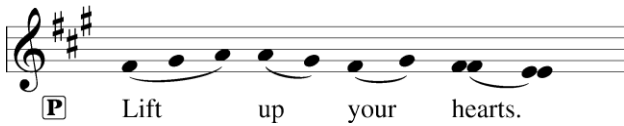
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

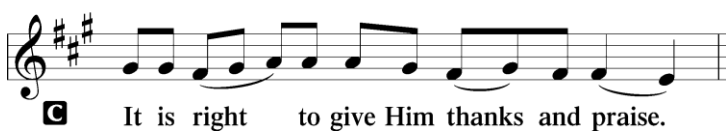
Service of the Sacrament

Welcome Christian friends! Please respect what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper.

- Holy Communion is a confession of faith. If you are not currently a confessing member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation please make an appointment to speak with the pastor before communing.
- We celebrate Holy Communion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins.
- If you are not communing, but would like to come forward for a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

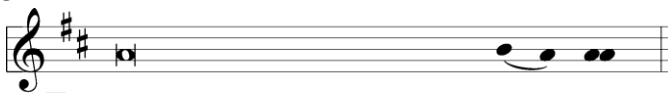
**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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 ✝ 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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei



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



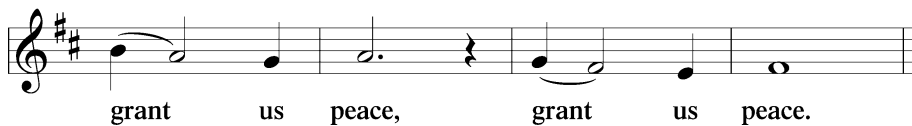
- have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



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



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Sit

Distribution

8 AM Choral Anthem

Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness

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Hymn of the month, see page 20

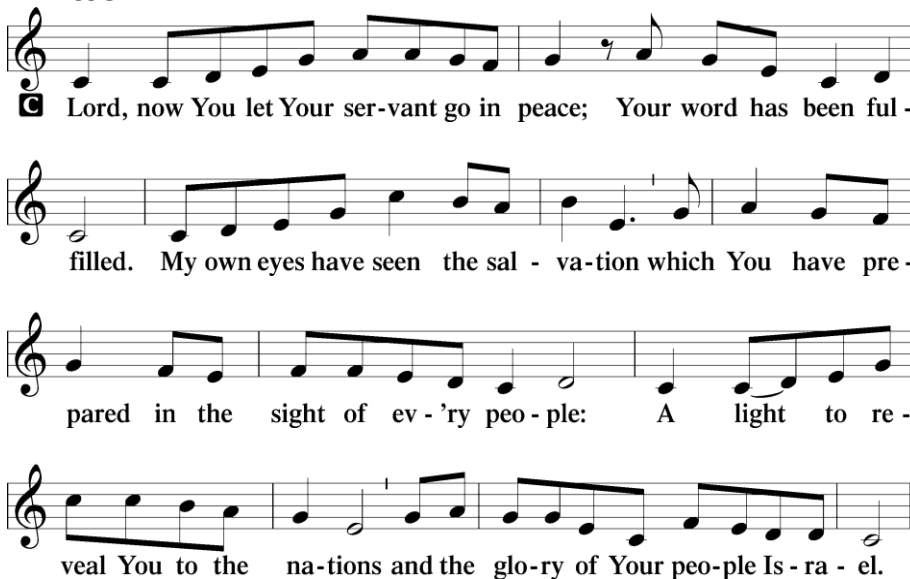
8 AM Distributions Hymns

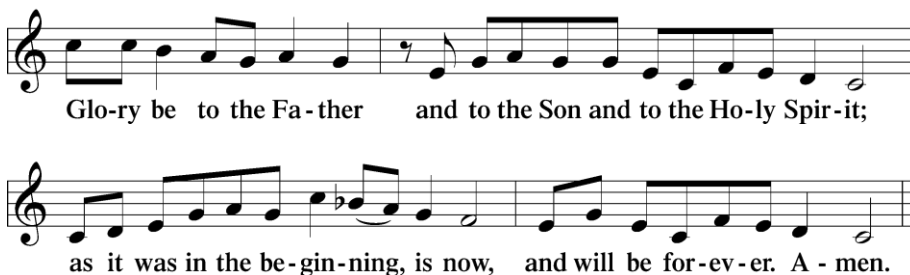
The Night Will Soon Be Ending LSB 337

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied LSB 342

Stand

Nunc Dimittis





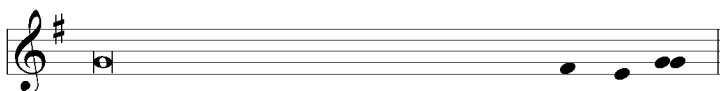
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 A - men.

Closing Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB 347

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Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30 AM where coffee and donuts are available. Enjoy some fellowship time with our Christian friends.

Pastor – Rev. Robert Harmon

Organist – Kathy Leising

Chancel Choir – Mark Elmshauser, director

Praise Team and Instrumentalists (10:45)

Elder – Jeff Claxton (5), David Klekamp (8), Keith Einspahr (10:45)

Ushers – Steve Leudders, Jerry Kelsey (8)

Greeters – Geri Adams and Monty Schrandt (8) Brian and Natalie Sowl (10:45)

Altar Guild – Doris Kilgore, Diane Van Stone



The altar flowers are given by Don and Jane Henninger in celebration for successful surgeries for Sean and Don

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This Week

Tuesday – Praise Team 1:30 PM

Wednesday - Advent Service 10:30 AM

Advent Meal 11:30 AM

Staff 1 PM

Book Club 5:45 PM

Bel Canto Handbells 6 PM

Advent Service 7 PM

Chancel Choir 8 PM

Saturday – Musician Rehearsal 9 AM

Traditional Worship 5 PM

Sunday – Traditional Worship 8 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM

LWML Ladies Luncheon 12 PM

Confirmation 1 PM

See The Loop for a complete list of activities
and details mtoliveluth.org

Hymn of the Month

The hymn of the month for December, Lutheran Service Book (LSB) #371 – *Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness*, has been a favorite Christmas song of Slovak Christians for hundreds of years. The Latin text on which it is based goes back at least to the fifteenth century. The Czech/Slovak text is best known from its appearance in the sixth edition of the Lutheran hymnal *Cithara Sanctorum*, edited by Juraj Tranovský (1592-1637), a Lutheran pastor and the “father of Slovak hymnody”, in 1674. LSB uses a 1957 translation by Jaroslav J. Vajda, a LCMS pastor and editor at Concordia Publishing House. Vajda grew up in a Slovak parsonage in Indiana and began translating Slovak poetry at the age of eighteen, equipping him to write and translate over 225 hymn texts. The text is based on the story of our Lord’s birth from Luke 2:1-16. The author evokes a variety of picturesque images – the whole creation, the sages, all those who awaited the lord’s birth, the angels – as he vividly paints the nativity story. We are also invited to worship the “infant small” in the second stanza; “let us, too, in these days, thankful hearts gladly raise.” The translator uses seven descriptive phrases to define the “infant small”: “child appealing,” “Light revealing,” “our pleasure,” “God, yet very Son of Mary,” “heaven’s gift and treasure,” “mighty king,” and “gentle friend.” The tune used for this hymn is ČAS RADOSTI, is the first line of the text in Czech/Slovak and perhaps dates from the twelfth century.

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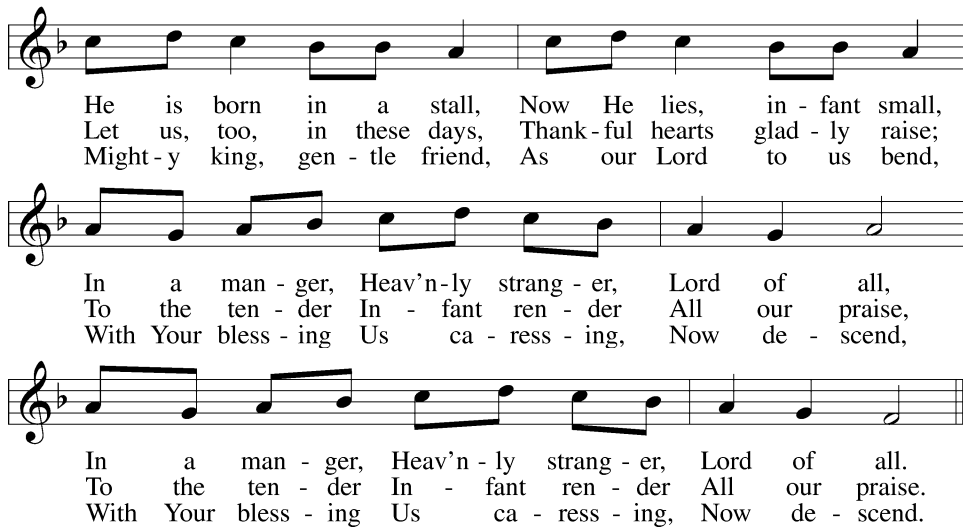
371 Let Our Gladness Banish Sadness



1 Let our glad - ness Ban - ish sad - ness All through - out cre - a - tion!
2 Whom the sa - ges And the a - ges Ea - ger - ly a - wait - ed,
3 Child ap - peal - ing, Light re - veal - ing, Je - sus Christ, our plea - sure;



God, whose fa - vor Sent our Sav - ior, Praise with ad - o - ra - tion!
An - gels proud - ly Her - ald loud - ly In their songs e - lat - ed.
God, yet ver - y Son of Mar - y, Heav - en's gift and trea - sure.



He is born in a stall, Now He lies, in - fant small,
 Let us, too, in these days, Thank - ful hearts glad - ly raise;
 Might - y king, gen - tle friend, As our Lord to us bend,

In a man - ger, Heav'n - ly strang - er, Lord of all,
 To the ten - der In - fant ren - der All our praise,
 With Your bless - ing Us ca - ress - ing, Now de - scend,

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Advent Services: December 7 and 14 at 10:30 AM and 7 PM

Lessons and Carols December 17 and 18

5 PM and 10 AM

Christmas Eve 4 and 6 PM

Christmas Day 10 AM

New Year's Eve 5 PM

New Year's Day 10 AM

JOIN US *for* LUNCH

Advent lunch after every daytime service!
December 7 and 14!



Sunday, December 11
Fellowship Hall
During Coffee Hour



Ladies, join us on Sunday, December 11th for our 'Advent By Candlelight Luncheon' at Mt. Olive Lutheran. Cost is \$12.00. We are having an In-Gathering of baby diapers and /or receiving blankets which we will give to the Alternative Pregnancy Center. Sign up at the Ark.

Annual Christmas



Dec. 17th & 18th
Before and after each worship service

- We would like each baker to package their own items in smaller portions on a decorative Christmas plate.
- If you are donating baked items, you can bring them to Mount Olive any time before the 17th.
- The baker's name should be on all items.

All donations support the mission and ministry projects of Mt. Olive's LWML.