



Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
7979 Holdrege Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68505

Office Phone: 402-484-8711 Pastor's Cell: 402-440-8145
Website: www.mtolivewels.org E-mail: pastor@mtolivewels.org
Check us out at www.facebook.com/mtolivelincolnnebraska

Our Mission Statement:

“Mt Olive exists to proclaim God’s Word in its truth and purity, so that each believer may GROW in their faith in Jesus and be equipped to GO with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world, so that together we may GLORIFY God into eternity.”

Mt Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

7979 Holdrege Street Lincoln NE 68505

ministers: every member Pastor: Tim Kemnitz President: Jarred Meyer

Please like us on Facebook and please check out our newly updated website: www.mtolivewels.org

Live services are broadcast and archived services available via the website, Facebook, Roku.

December 23, 2018

Advent 4

Worship: Sunday 8&10:30A.M.

Growth in the Word: Sunday 9:30A.M.

Welcome...to our visitors and guests who are with us today. We are pleased and privileged to have you join us as we focus our attention on the One Who came once to be judged (and condemned!) for us and Who is coming again in judgment. May our gracious God bless us to keep our “eyes on the skies” and to be ready for His imminent return!

For Parents with Small Children: Toddler “Busy Bags” are available for use-located on the west wall of church. The lower west kitchen (near the rest rooms) also contains a speaker system so that you may listen in on the service while attending to the needs of your little one. Please ask if there’s any other way we can serve you!

Our Worship:

Opening Hymn of Praise: CW 21 “Hosanna to the Coming Lord”

Liturgy: Service of the Word (p. 38 in the front of the Hymnal)

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 4:1-2;4-8;25-5:5 (p.4 in the black pew Bible)

Psalm of the Day: 85 (p. 97 in the front of the hymnal)

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 12:1-6 (p. 1223)

Children’s Sermon: All kids are invited to approach the altar to be nurtured in their faith in Jesus.

Hymn of the Day: CW 24 “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

Sermon: Luke 1:39-55 (p. 1013)

THEME: The Lord Has Done Great Things for Me!

The Magnificat (p. 57-58 in the front of the Hymnal)

Offering of our gifts to help share the Gift of salvation and life with the world!

Hymn: CW 2 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Closing Hymn of Praise: CW 23 “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Our Week in the Lord at Mt. Olive (If God so wills it!)

Today: 8 & 10:30A.M. Sunday Worship
9:30 A.M. Family style Christmas study using [To the Ends of the Earth video](#)
Monday: 5 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship, Youth of Mt. Olive
Tuesday: 9 A.M. Christmas Day Worship
Wednesday: No Windcrest Bible study or Catechism until January
Thursday: No Evening Worship at Mt. Olive until January
Sunday: 8 & 10:30A.M. New Year's Communion Sunday Worship
No Sunday School or Bible Study

News and Notes:

To Our “New Faces” in the Crowd today: Thanks for joining us for worship. We were blessed to have you with us this morning as we gathered here in God's house to be encouraged by His message of love and forgiveness to otherwise lost sinners! Please sign our guest register-and please...come again!

THANK YOU: We thank Linda Tesch this morning, for helping us praise our God and for offering her musical gifts, which are “on loan” from HIM for HIS glory.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY/THIS WEEK:

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Care: Ellen Donahoe, Dee Kemnitz Delores Wasserman, Tiffany Beiermann
Ushering: J&I Meyer, S Raasch, T Monroe M Lauber, R Krenke, J Mattox, C Beiermann
Cleaning God's House this week: R Wasserman (D) Yeager (U) Brase(N)

*If you can't clean please call Kevin Ferrell @ 430-7823 and he will find you a sub...

In God's House on 12/12 & 16: 64+185=249

Given for God's Glory 12/9 & 16: Budget Offerings: \$4,581.77

Non-Budget Offerings: 435.00 Budget Pace: -\$10,063.15

A Christmas gift from your Board of Elders is available to you at the door. The video [To the Ends of the Earth](#) will also be utilized in the Bible study this morning. “Follow Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi as he connects with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people-to the ends of the earth.”

Christmas Eve/Day Worship: We hope everyone can join us as we gather in God's house tomorrow and Tuesday for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship. Monday night, the 24th, we will gather at **5 P.M.** for Christmas Eve worship lead by our Youth Group at Mt. Olive. Tuesday, the 25th, we will gather for Christmas worship at **9 A.M.** That service will be rebroadcast at 10:30 A.M.– our regular second service time, for all to use! Some very special services are being planned to celebrate God's love for us lying in a manger!

Offering envelopes are available to be picked up on the table by the mailboxes. Electronic offering is also possible. Just talk to Rod Wasserman if you'd like to support our church that way.

GOD'S WORD FOR ADVENT 4

Genesis 4:1-2;4-8;25-5:5 4 Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” 2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 4 And Abel also brought an offering— fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” 8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let's go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. 25 Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.” 26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord. 5 This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them “Mankind” when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

Luke 1:39-55 39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” 46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. 51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Revelation 12:1-6 12 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. 2 She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”^[a] And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.