

## What's Happening This Week?

- \*December 15th - Mite Sunday
- \*December 18th - Happy Birthday Josie Hill
- \*December 18th - Last Day of Women's Bible Study For the Season
- \*December 21st - Winter Begins

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## December 15, 2024

### + Third Sunday in Advent +

Welcome! Isaiah declares: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (12:3, NRSV). May we be nourished by God's gift of salvation as we worship.

Paul says: "Rejoice in the Lord always," but what if I don't feel joyful today? I will "present [my] requests to God" and wait for God's peace beyond understanding (Philippians 4:4-7, NIV).

# MOUNT OLIVE



# LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to all our guests and visitors! Please share your contact information with us by signing our guest book, fellowship pad or a connection card. We don't share your information with anyone outside the church. Pastor Mike looks forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Sunday 12/8/24 Attendance: 42

Sunday 12/8/24 Offerings \$4,117

Sunday 12/15/24 Counters: Shelley Frederickson & Leona Shore

Altar Duty for December: Darryl & Shelley Frederickson

The craving of wealth is dangerous to one's faith.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith  
and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Tim. 6:10).

## Divine Service Setting Three Page 184

### Gathering for Worship

Arise, O Christian People

Hymn 354

Salutation and Collect of the Day

### Worshipping Together

Sharing the Scriptures

Allen Schmidt

Sermon

Pastor Michael Michalk

### Proclaiming The Word

Offertory

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord / Communion

Pax Domini

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn 341

Nunc Dimittis

O Come O Come Emanuel

Video

Benediction

Announcements

Once He Came in Blessing

Hymn 333

## Sharing The Scriptures

Allen Schmidt

### Old Testament

Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

### Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18-28

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’” <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”