

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe Street ✠ Sylvania, Ohio 43560

December 14, 2025 ✠ 9 a.m.

GATHERING

**WELCOME
AND PRELUDE**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Rejoice Handbell Choir

GREETING AND SHARING THE PEACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

KIDS OF THE KIN(G)DOM

Advent Wreath Lighting

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All Earth Is Hopeful

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deb Tucker

Let us pray. God of restoration, satisfy us when we are spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road
with your purpose, nourished by your living water. **Amen.**

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Every Valley
G. F. Handel

Seth Johnson, tenor

ISAIAH 55:1-13

Greta Pomrenke

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!

Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!

Why spend money for what isn't food,

and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;

enjoy the richest of feasts.

Listen and come to me; listen, and you will live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

my faithful loyalty to David.

Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a prince and commander of peoples.

Look, you will call a nation you don't know,

a nation you don't know will run to you because of the LORD your God,

the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD when he can still be found;
call him while he is yet near.
Let the wicked abandon their ways and the sinful their schemes.
Let them return to the LORD so that he may have mercy on them,
to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness.
My plans aren't your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways, and my plans than your plans.
Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and don't return there without watering the earth,
making it conceive and yield plants
and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater,
so is my word that comes from my mouth;
it does not return to me empty.
Instead, it does what I want, and accomplishes what I intend.

Yes, you will go out with celebration,
and you will be brought back in peace.
Even the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you,
all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
In place of the thorn the cypress will grow;
in place of the nettle the myrtle will grow.
This will attest to the LORD's stature,
an enduring reminder that won't be removed.

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

GOSPEL: John 4:13-14

The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus answered [the Samaritan woman], "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke

HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Come, Lord Jesus. **Hear us as we pray.**

MEAL

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

Redeem, Restore, Renew
Joseph M. Martin

Olivet Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Humble and Holy One, you choose to be enfleshed among us that we may know your love.
Gather our gifts of spirit and time, energy and resources, until all know the fullness of your love.
Amen.

SUNG EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *Remember Me* Gerrit Gustofson & Martin J. Nystrom

On the night you were betrayed you took the bread.
After giving thanks, you broke it and said,
“This is my body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember me.
This is my body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember me.”

On the night you were betrayed you held the cup.
After giving thanks, you lifted it up.
“This is my life, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember me.
This is my life, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember me.”

So, we thank you for the cup and for the bread;
for we see the life you gave and the blood you shed.
And we remember your wondrous love.
You gave your body, you shed your blood. (Repeat.)

LORD’S PRAYER

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WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Creator of the Stars of Night
Arr. Robert Graham

Keith Hamen, piano
Sarah Lewis, organ

TABLE PRAYER

Holy One, you feed us with the bread of life. You give us living water to drink. Grant us to live in the freedom of resurrection, no longer fearful of death. Through Christ our Lord, we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

BENEDICTION

Wait for the LORD, in whom there is steadfast love + and redemption. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

He Came Down

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba/He Came Down
African Traditional

Altar flowers are given today in honor of Liz Stalhood's birthday (Carol Miller's daughter).

Altar flowers are given today by Helene & Doug Lyon in loving memory of our parents.

HOLIDAY EVENTS & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Bell Choir Concert

Sunday, Dec. 14 | Sanctuary
pre-concert music at 6:45 PM; concert at 7 PM

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 21 at 10 AM combined service | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship | Wednesday, Dec. 24

4 PM Family Service

Christian Life Center

7 PM Candlelight & Carols

with holy communion | Sanctuary

9 PM Candlelight, Carols & Choir (livestreamed)

with holy communion | Sanctuary

First & Second Sundays of Christmas

Sundays, Dec. 28 & Jan. 4 | one worship service at 10 AM
Sanctuary



Rev. Melissa Micham, Lead Pastor
Rebecca Cress, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
Sarah Lewis, Accompanist/Organist
Carol Miller, Handbell Choir Director
Steve Hodge, Olivet Choir Director
Acolytes: Josie Billau, Luke Ruddy
Altar Guild: Chrisann Shaner, Ann Hansen
Greeters: Stan & Marilyn Machosky
Livestream/Sound Technician: Matt Olrich
Nursery Attendants: Eden Pollard, Addy Ruddy
Ushers: Matt Olrich, Bob Mens, Gary Moran, Marvin Micham

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