

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

“I am the Alpha and Omega--
the beginning and the end,”
says the Lord God.

“I am the one who is,
who always was,
and who is still to come--
the Almighty One.”

Revelation 1:8

Christ the King

Sunday, November 21, 2021

9:00 am

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A Reconciling in
Christ Community

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Mount Olive is a welcoming and inclusive congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving our neighbors in Rochester, Minnesota. Our core identity is lived out in four ways: *Worship, Service, Education, and Fellowship.*

Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:

"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring: All gender identities and sexual orientations, all races and ethnicities, all ages and abilities, all economic statuses and education levels, all faith journeys and personal histories. As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."

WELCOME CENTER

Visitors, as you leave the Sanctuary, directly to the right on the corner, you'll find a host who will welcome you and can answer questions you may have about Mount Olive. Please talk to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or if you need a hearing assistance device. Feel free to contact Nancy Britson, Director of Congregational Life if you have further questions or are interested in membership at Mount Olive.

CHILD CARE

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available in the Mount Olive nursery, located at the end of the front entry hall. Pagery are available for communication with parents.

COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion each week. All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive a wafer. You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server. Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.

VIDEO RECORDING

Services are recorded and published on YouTube. Note that parishioners will not generally appear in the recording unless seated in the front rows of the sanctuary. You can find the services at www.youtube.com/MountOliveELCA.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand as you are able.)*

P: In the name of the Creator, Redeemer ✠ and Sustainer.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.



P: Have mercy on us, O God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins ✠ and remembers them no more. Lift up your hearts! God's promise rings true for all generations - yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *(please stand)*

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ELW #408

1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his. *to refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Christ the King

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (NRSV)

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING**

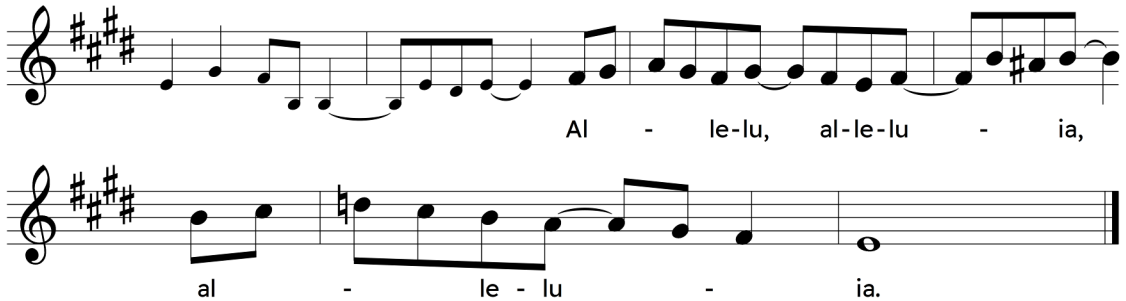
Revelation 1:4b-8 (NRSV)

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: Word of God, Word of life,

C: **Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please stand.)*

"Alleluia"

**GOSPEL**

John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated.***SERMON**

"A Pastoral Revelation"

Pastor Glenn Monson

A moment of silence follows the sermon



HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please stand.)*

"Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW #434

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| <p>1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> | <p>4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.</p> |
| <p>2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.</p> | <p>5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.</p> |
| <p>3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.</p> | |

CONFESSION OF FAITH

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

P: Let us affirm our faith:

**C: We believe in God, Who conceived all that is created,
God, who fathers and mothers all people.**

We believe in Jesus Christ God's firstborn and only Lord of the earth.

**He came from both heaven and the womb of the virgin Mary; he lived in solidarity
with humankind, befriending, teaching, healing, and restoring; he was denied and
betrayed by his friends; and was done to death by the state.**

**He descended to the place of oblivion, rose to life again on the third day, and ascended
to heaven where he sits at God's right hand.**

This same Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose dynamic presence can make all things new.

**And we believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

L: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.)

MEAL

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF GIFTS & OFFERINGS

The practice of making an offering during worship is an ancient one. Even before offerings were used for ministry needs and personnel, offerings were given simply as an expression of gratitude to God. Today our offerings do both: they provide needed funds for ministry and they are a way of expressing our gratitude to God for all the blessings we receive.

OFFERTORY

"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

Mount Olive Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Please stand.)* "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

ELW #686

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray:

C: **Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God, the cre - a - tor.

God of pow - er, God of might, your glo - ry fills the u - ni - verse.

Blest is he who comes to us and bears your ho - ly name.

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis, Sav - ior God, Most High.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God is made known to us through a variety of names and images. You are encouraged to use language of your choosing for the Lord's Prayer, including the way you address God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints. All are welcome here!

Please be seated

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. If you choose to come forward, please cup your hands to receive a wafer.

You are then invited to take a small cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request; please verbally indicate your choice to the server.

Leave your empty cup in the basket provided.

**AGNUS DEI****"Lamb of God"**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN**"You Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"**

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| 1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave. | 3 You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide. |
| 2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost. | 4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry;
worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life. |



POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please stand.)*

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW #439

- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King
- 2 No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King
 No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King
 No more cryin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King
- 3 No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King
 No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King
 No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King
- 4 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King
 Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

DISMISSAL

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Would you like to add to the beauty of Mount Olive's Christmas season? You may order your poinsettias today to go on display in the sanctuary during Advent and on Christmas Eve. The cost is only \$8.00. Pick up an order envelope from the table in the front entry, select payment method, and drop it in the offering plate or the office drop box prior to **December 1**. Poinsettias may be taken home the weekend after Christmas. Contact Nancy Britson at nancy@molive.org with questions.

Worship Volunteers Needed

Worship volunteers are needed for the 9:00 am Sunday services. We're looking for greeters, ushers, communion assistants, lectors and assisting ministers. At this time, we're asking that all volunteers are vaccinated. Sign up at the Welcome Desk today, or click here:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449a5a92aa1fb6-mount1)

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nancy@molive.org or 507-288-1580 ext. 202.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Make a difference in the lives of those in need this holiday. On

Saturday, **December 4**, 1:00-3:00 pm, Mount Olive members will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Fundraiser. We will be ringing indoors at HyVee North on 37th St. Sign up in the Gathering Area for a 30 - minute time slot! Bell ringing and donating to a Red Kettle looks a little different this year. All our bell ringers are required to wear masks and use hand sanitizer, answer a health questionnaire before their shift, keep distant from donors, and sanitize the kettles regularly. If this time doesn't work into your holiday schedule, you can still help by choosing your own time slot at www.registertoring.com.



DOING THE
MOST GOOD™

Welcome, Worship Guests!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. You are always welcome. You may also visit our website, www.molive.org, to learn about other ways you can be part of life at Mount Olive. You can sign up there to receive our weekly email updates which contain information about upcoming events as well as links to the weekly online services, newsletters, and lots more.



Worship Participants

Preaching	Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson
Presiding Minister	Rev. Luke Hollander
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck
Assisting Minister	Donna Miller
Lector	Sharon Parker
Greeter	Sandy Dalquist
Ushers	Don Halley, Keith Hanson
Communion Assistant	Sharon Parker
Nursery	Carrie Fletcher
Welcome Desk	Nancy Britson
Altar Guild	Donna Grever, Gloria Rosencrants

Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members and friends who are ill, grieving, or recovering from surgery.
- ◆ All Homebound members
- ◆ Our companions in ministry in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. May the Spirit of God fill them with faith, hope, and joy, as they live out the good news and proclaim it.
- ◆ People suffering with COVID-19 in the U.S. and abroad. Give strength to those who minister to them, and bring hope and healing to all.
- ◆ Our country as we learn to confront and stamp out the curse of racism in our land. Help us to be one in mind and spirit as we go forward together.

Assistance Planned for Afghan Refugees

Mount Olive will soon be helping to welcome an Afghan family to Rochester. We are looking for volunteers to work directly with the family or behind the scenes. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Carrie Fletcher at carrie@molive.org.

This Week at Mount Olive

Sunday, November 21

9:00a - Worship Service
 10:00a - Coffee Fellowship
 10:10a - Sunday Forum
 10:30a - Service Sunday
 11:00a - Tailgate Worship Service
 1:00p - Lark Toys Trip
 4:00p - Al-Anon Meeting

Monday, November 22

6:00p - Olive Branch Church
 at Gray Duck Theater

Tuesday, November 23

9:30a - Staff Meeting
 1:00p - Naomi Circle
 3:30p - Families First
 7:30p - Personnel Committee

Wednesday, November 24

3:30p - Families First
 6:30p - Thanksgiving Eve Worship
 7:00p - Pie Fellowship

Thursday, November 25

Church Office Closed
 7:00p - In the Process Al-Anon

Friday, November 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 27

8:30a - Men's Discipleship (Z)
 8:30a - How Al-Anon Works
 9:00a - Altar Guild Setup

Sunday, November 28

9:00a - Worship Service
 11:00a - Tailgate Worship Service
 4:00p - Al-Anon Meeting

**No Sunday School, Sunday Forum
 or coffee time on November 28**

Advent Party During Forum

This Sunday, **November 21st**, during forum time, join us for ***Held in the Seasons: Noticing Advent***. It's a season of rich blue, full of courageous hope, waiting, and longing. #MaryAndElizabeth #IsaiahAndJohnYellingAtUsAgain #Psalm27 Join our leaders Pastor Lisa Janke and Richard BC as they prime us with music and reflection. Each person will receive a special Advent touchstone gift, and we'll enjoy special coffees, hot cocoa and pastries from Fiddlehead.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

You are invited to join us as we celebrate generosity and gratitude with Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. This is a service of music and scripture where we will give thanks for God's abundance and acknowledge God's goodness. As is tradition,

we will serve pie (store bought this year), coffee, and cider following the service! Worshipers are encouraged to bring a monetary donation to Channel One.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*A righteous branch
 springing up from David*

Psalms 25:1-10

*To you, O LORD, I
 lift up my soul.*

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

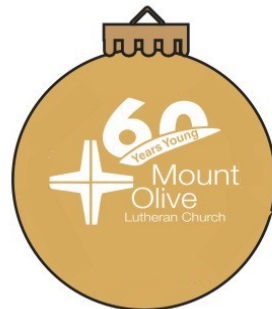
*Strengthen hearts of holiness
 for the coming of the Lord*

Luke 21:25-36

*Be alert for the coming
 of the Son of Man*

Mount Olive Anniversary Christmas Ornaments

One way to celebrate Mount Olive this Christmas is to buy one of the newly- commissioned 60th Anniversary Christmas ornaments, available now for as long as they last. Please know that about half of your \$5 purchase will go towards the 60th Anniversary Fund. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area to purchase one for your tree. Buy one for friends and family afar too.



Trip to Lark Toys

Need to do some Christmas shopping? Interested in a fun family event? Let's meet at Lark Toys on Sunday, **November 21**, at 1:00 pm. They have an incredible hand-carved carousel, a toy museum, llamas, ice cream, fudge, and lunch options, great kids' books, and have been rated one of the top 10 toy stores in the world. Plus, it is only 45 minutes from church! Join Pastors Luke and Lisa for this fun afternoon of playing and shopping.



Held in the Seasons: Ordinary time after Pentecost

Take a deep, generous breath. It's the LAST week of Ordinary Time. This green-colored season has ripened to the glorious Reign of Christ Sunday-- the culmination and cap of the church year. Inhale the world in all its complexity. Next Sunday, we begin Advent, a time with a different feel and different gifts. Just as this green cycle after Pentecost has held us, the blue season of Advent will carry us forward. Welcome a third intentional breath and exhale your goodness into the world. What part of you is ready for a change of season? P.S.: Come to the Advent kick-off forum event this Sunday, November 21 at 10am. A seasonal touchstone gift and yummy treats for all who attend.



Celebrating our Generous God

Stewardship Sunday was on October 24 when we brought our pledge cards for 2022 forward as an act of worship. Thank you for all who have made a pledge. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2022, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available at the usher's table and may be placed in the offering basket as it is passed, mailed to the office or dropped off at any time in the office drop box.

Good Gifts Collection

The Sunday, we continue taking donations for **ELCA Good Gifts** (God's Global Barnyard) which helps to fight hunger by providing farm animals. With your donation, you give an animal to a family in need and receive an ornament to decorate your Christmas tree or to give as a gift. **Look for the table in the Gathering Area following the service!** Contact Carrie Fletcher at carrie@molive.org with any questions.



Mitten Tree Collects Warm Weather Gear and More

The Mitten Tree is on display in the entry. You may place gently used or new children's coats, snow pants, boots, hats and/or mittens under or on the tree or you may donate funds which will be used by Elton Hills staff for items needed. Envelopes are available on the tree or you may make a gift by clicking the green "Donate Now" button at the bottom of the church website- www.molive.org. Please indicate "mitten tree" in the comment section.

Rochester Pops Orchestra Celebrates the Season

Rochester Pops Orchestra celebrates the "Glad Tidings" of the Christmas season Sunday, **December 19, 2021**, 6:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church. Enjoy a mix of traditional Christmas favorites as well as some new and exciting selections. Tickets are available now at www.rochesterpops.com or by calling the box office at 507-318-0801. Ticket sales will also be available in the Gathering Area following worship today through Sunday, December 12th.

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