



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus **Living in the Light - He Will Be a Light unto the Gentiles** **January 28, 2024**

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Cieslik, 10 and 11am Pastor Dixon

The Prelude

How Beautifully Shines the Morning Star

J. S. Bach

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

434:1, 3, 5

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.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

Pastor: St. John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9). And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we fear God thinks us unworthy, but because we trust God’s promise to receive us always in mercy and grace. Let us therefore pray together with confidence...

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.** *(please sing)*

Pastor: Almighty God, in mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(please sing)*

The Hymn of Praise

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

886:1, 3

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life and health and peace.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation: Dear God, as Simeon saw your salvation of the whole world in the infant Jesus, so also let us remain confident of your promise to love and redeem all people. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

793:1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-32

Glory to you, O Lord. *(please stand as you are able and sing)*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please sing)*

The Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

(please be seated)

The Welcome

Pastor Lose

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Many Gifts One Spirit

Allen Pote

Cathedral Choir - 9am

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song

Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir - 10am

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

John Leavitt

Senior Choir - 11am

The Offertory Prayer *(please stand as you are able)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

863:1, 5

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!

My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

The Sermon

Pastor Lose

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The Closing Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

How Firm a Foundation

796:2

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

The Lord’s Prayer

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 Sending Prayer

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

In Thee is Gladness

Brenda Portman

Thank you for worshiping with us!

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Holy Communion is offered at 8:30am and following the
11am service each Sunday.

January Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of mother Ana Lorraine Buck, brother Harold Frank Buck, Jr., and
sister-in-law Marsha Jean Buck, by Michael Buck

In loving memory of Bertil Johnson on his birthday,
by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In loving memory of Mary Kohlmeyer Tauer, by Ray and Jean Witter

In loving memory of Mike Lubratovich,
by his wife Renee and children Marcie and Craig

In memory of Wayne R Nelson on his birthday, by his family

In loving memory of Martin Peper on his birthday, by Claire Peper and family

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In celebration of Amanda Jenkins' birthday, by Sean, Liam, and Emmett Jenkins

In celebration of Maren Kind's birthday on January 19, by Steve and Deb Kind

If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund please contact Jody
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