



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus
**Living in the Light - “The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”**

February 11, 2024

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten, 10 and 11am Pastor Kalland

The Prelude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

853:1, 4, 5

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all of humankind in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,
sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”

God’s whole creation o’er, today and evermore
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

858:4

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

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, grant us hope, faith, and courage as we remember that your light will never be overcome by darkness.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

754:1, 2

Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!

The Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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 Hymn (9 and 10am only)

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children,
all the children of the world.
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,
He loves them as He loves you.
Jesus loves the little children of the world. *(sing 2 times)*

The Anthem (9 and 10am only)

Say To The Lord, "I Love You"

Cherub Choir

Ernie Rettino

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

The Lord Is My Light

Craig Courtney

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

O Day Full of Grace

F. Melius Christiansen

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

O Word of God Incarnate

514:1, 3

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

The Sermon

Pastor Lose

*“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

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

God, Whose Almighty Word

673:2

Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

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

Grand Chorus in Bb Major

Théodore Dubois

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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

February Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of my wife Mary Lou, by Donald Erickson and family

In memory of Roy R. (Dick) Johnson, by Fred and Roxanne Steiner

In memory of Hayes S. McCallum on the anniversary of his birthday,
by his wife Marcia McCallum

In memory of Evelyn and Dr. Lowell Barr and Ruth and Glenn Thompson,
by Connie and Jay Thompson

In appreciation to the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In honor of Lisa Warren on her birthday, by Ray Cabillot

In celebration of Stephen Gross and Courtney Kelley's wedding

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