

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

First Sunday in Lent - March 9, 2025

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Olson Popp, 10am Pastor Cieslik,
11am Pastor Hammersten

The Prelude

Variations on Handel's "Sarabande"

Marianne Kim

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

338:1, 2, 3

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

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 Kyrie


Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: 

Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Congregation:** 

Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Congregation:** 

Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: 

Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation: 

A - men.

The Hymn of Lent

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

599:1, 3

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.

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 eyes of faith so that we see anyone in need as our neighbor. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

319:1

O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 Dixon

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

My Song in the Night

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Mack Wilberg

Beautiful Saviour

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

Curtis Hanson

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence;
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation;
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

650:1, 3

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

The Sermon

Pastor Dixon

*Why Lutheran?
Because God Wants Us to Love One Another*

The Baptismal Service (*held during the 11am service*)

The following will be named a child of God and receive the
promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ through the
sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Lucy Amelia Carpenter, daughter of Mollie and Garrett

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

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

722:3

O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

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

Fantasy A Minor

Neil Harmon

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor
Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,
Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,
Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

Worship and Music Staff

Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and
Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs
Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist
Susan Steincross, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

March Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Jerry Bowers, by the Bowers and Illies families

In honor of Steve Bundul's heavenly birthday, by his family

In loving memory of Joan Eckberg on the anniversary of her
birth month, by her husband Paul Johnson

In memory of Jim Mossey on his birthday, by his grandchildren Will, Anna,
Molly, Grace, Olivia, Jacob, and Luke

In memory in Jim Schwanebeck, by Linda Schwanebeck

In memory of Brett Shelstad on the anniversary of his 54th birthday on March 9th,
by the Gibson, Shelstad, and Matvick Families

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Kalland

In celebration of Herb and Mary's wedding, by Deb and Greg

If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund please contact Jody
Barbee at jbarbee@mtolivet.org or 952.767.1501.

Easter Chancel Garden Flowers

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Mount Olivet General Fund

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