

# Mount Olivet Lutheran Church - Lenten Wednesday Worship

## Minneapolis Campus - March 12, 2025 - 12noon

### The Prelude

Jordan Buchholtz

### The Opening Hymn

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* 608:1, 3

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

#### *Refrain*

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

*(please stand as you are able)*

### The Invocation

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

### The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

**Pastor:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Congregation:** Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### The Responsive Prayer

**Pastor:** Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.  
**Congregation:** My Lord, fill it.

**Pastor:** I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.  
**Congregation:** I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.

**Pastor:** I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.  
**Congregation:** O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.

**Pastor:** In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.  
**Congregation:** I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.

**Pastor:** I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.  
**Congregation:** Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

### The 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 Welcome

Pastor Olson Popp

### The Hymn

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* 319:4  
Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

### The Scripture Reading

Luke 22:7-16, 21-23  
*Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.*

### The Pulpit Hymn

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

351:3

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

### The Message

Pastor Olson Popp

*The Night in Which He Was Betrayed*

### The Communion Hymn

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

502:1, 5

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**The Words of Institution** *(please stand as you are able)*

### 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.

*(please be seated)*

### The Distribution of Elements

*Communion will be served by intinction. Please follow the usher's directions to a communion station where you will receive a wafer in your palm. Please dip the wafer in the chalice before consuming. Chalices contain both white grape juice and red wine. Gluten free wafers are available at each station. All are welcome.*

### The Post-Communion Blessing

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

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Benediction

### The Postlude

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