

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Second Sunday in Lent - March 16, 2025

Liturgists: 9 and 11am Pastor Olson Popp, 10am Pastor Kalland

The Prelude

He Leadeth Me

Charles Callahan

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

324:1, 2, 4

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.
Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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, anchor us in your promise that you will never give up on us. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

620:1, 5

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10 - Parable of the Lost Things

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 Grangaard

The Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

807:1, 3

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Sing with the Spirit

Jean Ann Shafferman

Hosanna and Chapel Choirs - 9 and 10am

God's Got the Whole World

Mark Miller

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

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

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

676:1, 4

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

The Sermon

Pastor Grangaard

*Why Lutheran?
Because God Will Not Give Up On Us*

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

759:1

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

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

Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Kevin Hildebrand

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

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Rachel Wixson, Director of Chapel Choir
Elizabeth Werness, Director of Hosanna Choir
Sophie Norman, Children's 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 of 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

Help beautify our sanctuaries on Easter Sunday and honor or memorialize loved
ones by purchasing flowers for our Easter Chancel Gardens at both campuses. Order
online at mtolivet.org or by contacting Jody Barbee at jbarbee@mtolivet.org or
952.767.1501. Orders will be taken through March 30.

Sunday, March 23 - Annual Meeting

Next Sunday, the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held at 12noon in the
Minneapolis Campus sanctuary.

Mount Olivet General Fund

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