

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Third Sunday in Lent - March 23, 2025

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

The Prelude

Built on the Rock

Wayne L. Wold

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

338:1, 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.

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

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own.
He sustains the hidden life safe with him from earthly strife.

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, help us to understand that you love us as a parents love their children and so would do anything for us.

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

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Our Father, We Have Wandered

606:3

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-32 - The Prodigal Son

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

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

City Called Heaven

Josephine Poelinitz

Cathedral Choir with soloist Justin Staebell - 9 and 10am

What Wondrous Love Is This

Lloyd Larson

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

779:1, 3

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Sermon

Pastor Lose

*Why Lutheran?
Because God Is More Like a Parent Than a King*

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.

Ozzie James Green, son of Torrie and Connor

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

779:4

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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

O God Beyond All Praising

Brenda Portman

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
Brian Ohnsorg, Assistant Director of Sanctuary Choir
Shelley Ohnsorg, 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 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

In celebration of our mother Pearl Amundson's 99th birthday on March 22nd, by
her family

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.

Annual Meeting Today

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held today at 12noon
in the Minneapolis Campus sanctuary.

Mount Olivet General Fund

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