

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church - Lenten Wednesday Worship
Minneapolis Campus - March 26, 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
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed 337:1
Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

The Welcome **Pastor Hammersten**

The Hymn
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed 337:5
But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

The Scripture Reading
Philippians 2:5-8
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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 Hammersten

Jesus said, "Take and Eat."

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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