

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 6, 2025

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

The Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This

Peter Niedmann

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

327:1, 4

Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.

Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

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

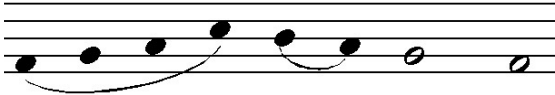
Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: 

Lord, have mer - cy.

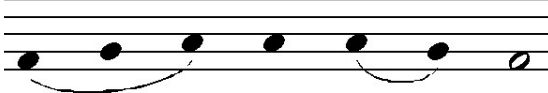
Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Congregation:** 

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

336:1

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, remind us that you accept each of us and all people just as we are and help us to do the same.

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

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On

624:1, 3

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

The Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus

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

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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 Olson Popp

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Shalom

Dan Forrest

Pedro Pacheco, violin, Senior at Edina High School
Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.*

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 of All Hopefulness

765:1, 3

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

The Sermon

Pastor Olson Popp

Why Lutheran?

Because God Intends to Forgive and Restore Us

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

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

777:5

“Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend.”
Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Robert A. Hobby

April Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Marian Danielson on her birthday month, by her loving family
In loving memory of Kelsey Granowski in honor of her birthday,
by her children Blake and Graham and her family

In loving memory of Larry Gustin on the 1st anniversary of his passing, by his wife
Paulette, Timothy and Kate, Todd and Anne, and grandchildren Flora, Theodore,
Livia, and Gianna

In loving memory of Richard Allen Moberg, by Lila Moberg and family

In memory of Hank and Agnes Ostlund, by the Ostlund and Hanson Families

In loving memory of Nelson E. Schmidt, Sr., by his family

In memory of Mary Williams, by Philip Williams and family

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Hammersten

In celebration of Maren Kind's April 4th baptism anniversary,
by Steve and Deb Kind

In celebration of Hayley and Joey's birthdays,
by their godparents Beth and Todd Klemmensen

In celebration of Kevin and Sandi Unger's 37th, and Zach and Ali Patil's 8th
wedding anniversary

In celebration of Greg Wilson's 1st heavenly birthday, by his wife Ann

If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund please contact Jody
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