



**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Ash Wednesday  
Minneapolis Campus  
February 18, 2026**

**Liturgists:**

**8am and 12noon Pastor Olson Popp**

**5pm Pastor Hammersten**

# **The Prelude**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**Paul Manz**

(please stand when invited)

## **The Processional Hymn**

**O Lord, throughout These Forty Days**

**319:1, 3, 4**

**O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.**

**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves  
that we may know God's love.**

**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 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most holy and merciful God,**

**Congregation: We confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our own fault, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**Pastor: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.**

**Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Pastor: Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.**

**Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Pastor: Our neglect of human need and suffering, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.**

**Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, so that Christ may live in your hearts now and forever.**

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **The Hymn of Lent**

**Lord Jesus, Think on Me**

**599:1, 3**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free  
and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point out your chosen way.**

# **The Salutation and Prayer of Lent**

**Pastor: The Lord be with you.**

**Congregation: And also with you. (please sing)**

**Pastor and Congregation: Dear God, be with us as we begin our Lenten journey, drawing us closer to you and to each other in faith and love.**

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

**(please be seated)**

## **The Hymn**

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

**609:4**

**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 Scripture Reading**

**Words of Eternal Life**

**John 6:60-69**

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

**When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”**

**Praise to you, O Christ. (please sing)**

**(please be seated)**

# **The Welcome**

**Pastor Grangaard**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

**I Have Chosen the Way of Truth**

**Craig Courtney**

**Elena Stabile, soprano - 8am and 12noon**

**Amanda Jenkins, soprano - 5pm**

**Miriam Jensen, piano**

**(please stand as you are able)**

## **The Offertory Prayer**

**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**

**Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart**

**800:1**

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;**

**wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;**

**stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,**

**and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**The Message**

**Pastor Grangaard**

**Words of Eternal Life**

**The Communion Hymn**

**Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty**

**777:3**

**“Come to me, believers burdened;  
find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer,  
turn to me and seek my face.”**

**Refrain**

**Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**(please stand as you are able)**

**The Words of Institution**

## **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 cup. Please follow the usher's directions to the altar communion rail. Both white grape juice and red wine are available as well as gluten free wafers. All are welcome.**

## **The Communion Anthem**

**Amazing Grace**

**Mark Hayes**

**Elena Stabile, soprano - 8am and 12noon**

**Amanda Jenkins, soprano - 5pm**

**Miriam Jensen, piano**

# **The Communion Blessing**

**(please stand as you are able)**

## **The Closing Prayer**

**O God, you are the creator of heaven and earth. We ask you to create in us clean hearts to love and trust you. We ask you to renew our spirits each morning when we rise. We ask you to open our eyes to your merciful presence in our lives, and give us grateful hearts. Amen.**

## **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

**(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)**

## **The Postlude**

**Postlude in G Minor**

**J. S. Bach**

# **Lent and Easter at Mount Olivet**

**Sunday Worship in Lent - Encountering Jesus**

**February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22**

**Minneapolis and West Campuses - 9, 10, and 11am**

**Lenten Wednesday Worship - Bread of Life**

**February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**Minneapolis Campus - 12noon**

**Palm Sunday Worship Services**

**Sunday, March 29**

**Minneapolis and West Campuses - 9, 10, and 11am**

**Sanctuary, Cathedral, Chancel, Children's Choirs and Brass  
Ensemble**

**The Seven Last Words of Christ by Dubois**

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Minneapolis Campus - 7pm**

**Cathedral Choir and Alumni, Soloists, and Orchestra**

**The Living Lord's Supper Communion Worship Service**

**Thursday, April 2**

**Minneapolis and West Campuses - 7pm**

**Good Friday Communion Worship Services**

**Friday, April 3**

**Minneapolis Campus - 8am, 12noon, 5pm**

**West Campus - 5pm**

# **Lent and Easter at Mount Olivet**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

**Friday, April 3**

**Minneapolis and West Campuses - 7pm**

**Easter Sunday Worship Services**

**Sunday, April 5**

**Minneapolis and West Campuses - 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11am**

**Sanctuary and Cathedral Choirs and Instrumental Ensemble**

## **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**

**Miriam Jensen, Associate Organist**

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