



**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Encountering Jesus:
True Disciples**

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

Liturgists:

9am Pastor Dixon

10 and 11am Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

338:1, 2, 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.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.**

**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

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: 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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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 the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. (please sing)

**Pastor and Congregation: Dear God, in Jesus you sent
us the light of the world and the truth that sets us free.
Let us embrace your truth, live in your light, and share
your love with all.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

319:1, 4

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

**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 Scripture Reading

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John 8:12, 31-36

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

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does

not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

My Hiding Place

Tom Fettke

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

(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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

611:1, 3

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”**

**I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.**

The Sermon

Pastor Olson Popp

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(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

722:3

**O Christ, create new hearts in us
that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart,
become love's open doors.**

**We are your body, risen Christ;
our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry
your love may be revealed.**

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

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,

Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,

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Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs

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February Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Stan Carlson, by Rickie and family

In loving memory of Max Fairman, by his kids and grandkids

In memory of Michael Logan, by the Logan Family

**In memory of Hayes S. McCallum on the anniversary of his
birthday, by Marcia McCallum**

In memory of Mary Outcalt, by Mary Schwarten

**In loving memory of Dave Porter on the anniversary of his
birthday, by Judy Porter and family**

In honor of Lisa Warren, by her family

In appreciation of Pastor Lose

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

**In celebration of the blessing of granddaughter Anya,
by Nana and Papa**

**In celebration of Annie Klemmensen on her birthday,
by the Klemmensen family**

**In celebration of Greg Trebil on his birthday,
by the Klemmensen family**

**In celebration of Jeri Weber on her birthday,
by the Klemmensen family**

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