

**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Encountering Jesus:  
Healing a Man Born Blind**

**Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

**Liturgists:**

**9am Pastor Hammersten**

**10am Pastor Kalland**

**11am Pastor Grangaard**

# **The Prelude**

**Absoute**

**Eugène Gigout**

**(please stand when invited)**

## **The Processional Hymn**

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**338:1, 2**

**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.**

# **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...**

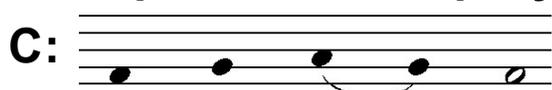
**Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.



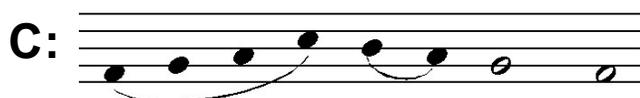
Lord, have mer - cy.

**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**

**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, you come to us  
when we are hurting to offer healing and acceptance.  
Let us do the same with all those we meet this week.  
In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)**

**(please be seated)**

# **The Gradual Hymn**

**I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

**325:1, 2**

**I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

## **The Scripture Reading**

**Healing a Man Born Blind**

**John 9, selected verses**

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

**As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam". Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered,**

**“The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”**

**For the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”**

**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 Freeman**

## **The Hymn (9 and 10am only)**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**781:1, 2**

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them**

## **The Anthem (9 and 10am only)**

**Praise Him, Praise Him**

**traditional**

**Cherub Choir**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

**Who but the Lord**

**Craig Courtney**

**Cathedral Choir - 9am**

**Everything Good**

**Don Schlosser**

**Chancel Choir - 10am**

**Come Unto Me and Wait**

**Mark Hayes**

**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**

**We Come to You for Healing, Lord**

**617:1**

**We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch  
we may again be whole.**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Freeman**

**Healing a Man Born Blind**

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

## **The Closing Hymn**

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**632:6**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.**

## **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**

## **The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

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

## **The Postlude**

**Toccata in B minor**

**Eugène Gigout**

# **March Altar Flower Dedications**

**In honor of Jerry Bowers,**

**by the Bowers and Illies Families with love**

**In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff**

**In appreciation of Pastor Kalland**

**In celebration of Molly's birthday**

**In celebration of Pearl Amundson's 100th Birthday on**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, by Maxine Amundson**

**If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund  
please contact Jody Barbee at [jbarbee@mtolivet.org](mailto:jbarbee@mtolivet.org) or  
952.767.1501.**

## **Pastors**

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**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**

**Amanda Jenkins, Director of Chancel Choir**

**Colleen Roess, Director of Cherub Choir**

**Mary Broge, Cherub Choir Accompanist**

**Susan Steincross, Chancel and Cathedral Choir**

**Accompanist**

# **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. A list of the donors and those remembered or honored will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Order online at [mtolivet.org](http://mtolivet.org) or by contacting Jody Barbee at [jbarbee@mtolivet.org](mailto:jbarbee@mtolivet.org) or 952.767.1501. Orders will be taken through March 15.**

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